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## FOREWORD

The Inventory of the County Archives of Minnesota is one of a number of bibliographies of historical materials prepared throughout the United States by workers on the Historical Records Survey Program of the Work Projects Administration. The publication herewith presented, an inventory of the archives of Wright County, is number 86 of the Minnesota series.

The Historical Records Survey Program was undertaken in the winter of 1935-36 for the purpose of providing useful employment to unemployed historians, lawyers, teachers, and research and clerical workers. In carrying out this objective, the project was organized to compile inventories of historical materials, particularly the unpublished government documents and records which are basic in the administration of local government, and which provide invaluable data for students of political, economic, and social history. The archival guide herewith presented is intended to meet the requirements of day-to-day administration by the officials of the county, and also the needs of lawyers, businessmen and other citizens who require facts from the public records for the proper conduct of their affairs. The volume is so designed that it can be used by the historian in his research in unprinted sources in the same way he uses the library card catalog for printed sources.

The inventories produced by the Historical Records Survey Program attempt to do more than give merely a list of records - they attempt further to sketch in the historical background of the county or other unit of government, and to describe precisely and in detail the organization and functions of the government agencies whose records they list. The county, town, and other local inventories for the entire country will, when completed, constitute an encyclopedia of local government as well as a bibliography of local archives.

The successful conclusion of the work of the Historical Records Survey Program, even in a single county, would not be possible without the support of public officials, historical and legal specialists, and many other groups in the community. Their cooperation is gratefully acknowledged.

The Survey Program was organized by Luther H. Evans, who served as Director until March 1, 1940, when he was succeeded by Sargent B. Child, who had served in the capacity of Field Supervisor since the inauguration of the Survey. The Survey Program operates as a nation-wide series of locally sponsored projects in the Division of Professional and Service Projects, of which Mrs. Florence Kerr, Assistant Commissioner, is in charge.

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## PREFACE

A survey of county archives was begun by the Minnesota Historical Society as far back as 1917, at which time the records of 14 counties were listed. The survey was revived in 1934 under the Civil Works Administration and continued for three weeks until that administration closed at the end of March. It was reorganized in January 1935 under the Emergency Relief Administration and operated until the end of July of that year, during which time 45 counties were surveyed.

In the fall of 1935 a State-wide historical project, under the sponsorship of the Minnesota Historical Society and operated by the Works Progress Administration, was organized not only to continue the survey of county archives but to make inventories of municipal, township, and school district archives, and the records of churches, cemeteries, fraternal and other organizations, and to gather historical material of various kinds.

The Federal Historical Records Survey Project, sponsored by the Works Progress Administration and under the national direction of Dr. Luther H. Evans, was organized in the State in March 1936. This project and the previous State historical survey project operated as a unit to continue the survey of archives and other historical materials. Under this program the county archives were listed in the unfinished counties in 1936 and early 1937. The federally sponsored project was discontinued August 31, 1939, to be superseded by a State project, the Minnesota Historical Records Survey Project, which is sponsored by the Minnesota Historical Society and operated by the Work Projects Administration. Dr. Luther H. Evans continued as National Director of the WPA Historical Records Survey Program to March 1, 1940, when he was succeeded by Sargent B. Child.

In order to secure uniformity in the publications of the Survey, it was decided in 1937 to use the forms prepared by the national office of that organization and to enlarge the information secured on the early surveys to conform to publication requirements. A recheck of county records to secure the additional information and to bring the inventories up to date was thereupon undertaken.

The immediate objective is the publication of a series of county archives inventories, one number for each county. The county inventories are prepared as the recheck is completed. In Wright County this recheck was completed in September 1938. The 87 counties of Minnesota are numbered in alphabetical order. The number appearing with the name of the county on the title-page



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is the number of the county in this arrangement and not an indication of the order of the publication. A list of publications of the project to date appears on the last page of this volume.

The Survey is now engaged in preparing a comprehensive statement of the general laws regulating county government, to be entitled "County Government in Minnesota." It is expected that this book will serve as a handbook on the organization, structure, and evolution of county government in Minnesota and will make it unnecessary to repeat certain items of general information in the various inventories. The office essays in this inventory are, therefore, limited to the creation of the office and its present status, the manner in which it is filled, and the term. Pending issuance of the volume on county government in Minnesota, it is suggested that the reader consult the Inventory of the County Archives in Minnesota, No. 49, Morrison County for more detailed essays than those found in the Wright County inventory.

The directors on the State project were Jacob Hodnefield, November 1935-February 1936, Ralph D. Brown, February 1936-May 1937, and Jacob Hodnefield, June 1937-February 1938. The directors of the Federal Historical Records Survey were Ralph D. Brown, March 1936-May 1937, and Jacob Hodnefield, June 1937-August 1939. The undersigned continues as State Supervisor of the new project after September 1, 1939.

The field worker on the recheck in Wright County was Winifred L. Lundberg. The introductory essays were written by members of the editorial staff under the direction of Franklyn Curtiss-Wedge. The entry section was edited by Howard Stoppel.

Acknowledgment is made of the cooperation of the county officials on these surveys and of others who have contributed to the success of the enterprise. Acknowledgment is also made of the cooperation and continued assistance of the officials of the Work Projects Administration.

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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

### Location, Area, Boundaries

Wright County is situated in the east-central part of the State, southwest of the Mississippi River, between the Crow and Clearwater Rivers. Somewhat irregular in shape, its length from east to west is 36 miles, and its greatest width  $30\frac{1}{2}$  miles. The western border is 22 miles, and the southern is 24 miles. The county has a total area of 728 square miles, 691 of land, and 37 of water. It is divided into 20 organized townships, and is bounded on the north by Stearns and Sherburne Counties; on the east by Hennepin County; on the south by Carver and McLeod Counties; and on the west by Meeker County.(1)

### Physical Features

Wright County has a number of hills 40 to 75 feet and sometimes 100 to 150 feet. The hills in nearly all cases have only a moderate slope, seldom rising abruptly, or having a notably broken contour. The most conspicuous hills occur at two points near the Mississippi, one range being about two miles south of Clearwater, and the other about the same distance southwest of Monticello. These rise about 100 to 150 feet above the surrounding land. Another notably hilly region is five miles northwest of the Crow River from its mouth to Rockford and Delano. The Crow River hills are more massive, but of less altitude, rising 75 to 125 feet above the river.(2)

The only extensive level areas are those which occur along the Clearwater and Mississippi Rivers, consisting in a large part of natural prairies. The average elevation of the county is 1,000 feet above sea level, ranging from 925 feet in Otsego Township to 1,075 feet in Stockholm Township. The county is well drained by the Mississippi on the northern boundary, Clearwater River on the northwestern boundary, Crow River on the eastern boundary, and the north branch of the Crow River extending across the southern part of the county from west to east. Lakes are numerous, there being scarcely a township or village that is not connected with some lake or river.(3)

At one time the present county was wooded, being a part of the area included in the "Big Woods," a name given to a belt of hardwood about 45 miles wide in the south-central part of the

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- (1) N. H. Winchell and Warren Upham, The Geology of Minnesota, 2: 243 (St. Paul, 1888); U. S. Bureau of the Census, special list, corrected to May 1, 1939, manuscript in possession of the Minnesota Historical Society.
  - (2) Winchell and Upham, The Geology of Minnesota, 2: 245, 246.
  - (3) Ibid., 2: 247, 248.

State. White elm and basswood were the most numerous of the many species found in the region.(4)

The county "is crossed by several moraines formed by the Grantsburg lobe of the Keewatin ice field. The ice stood on the Crow valley, while the glacial drainage discharged from the moraines on the northeast side of the lobe to the Mississippi. Outwash aprons, or plains of sandy gravel are thus extensive in the northern part of the county. Smaller ones lie along the Crow River valley, which subsequently carried an important line of glacial drainage into the Mississippi. The outwash plains are covered to some extent with a loam which increases their fertility."(5)

#### First Inhabitants

Artificial mounds of earth scattered throughout the county give evidence of the prehistoric occupancy of this region by a primitive people, Indian-like in their mode of life, and possibly the immediate ancestors of the Indians found here by early explorers. These mounds are found mostly on the banks of the streams and overlooking the lakes. They are symmetrical in form and of varying size. Nearly all are round or elongated. Many have been surveyed, and some have been scientifically excavated.(6)

#### Indian Occupancy

When the first white men penetrated this region in the seventeenth century, most of the area of the present State was held by the Sioux Indians. About the middle of the eighteenth century the Chippewa, who had been pushing westward from the Lake Superior region, drove them from their ancient forest homes at Sandy Lake and Mille Lacs to the country west of the Mississippi and south of the Crow Wing River. Long and bitter warfare followed.(7) As the Mdewakanton Sioux retreated southward they concentrated for a time in the lower valley of the Rum River, but soon after 1768 they moved still farther south. Their forays against their Chippewa enemies continued, and in

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- (4) Minnesota. Geological and Natural History Survey, in Executive Documents of the State of Minnesota, 1873, 1: 1016 (St. Paul, 1874).
- (5) Frank Leverett and Frederick W. Sardeson, Surface Formations and Agricultural Conditions of the South Half of Minnesota, 92 (Minneapolis, 1919).
- (6) N. H. Winchell, The Aborigines of Minnesota, 209-220 (St. Paul, 1911); Winchell and Upham, The Geology of Minnesota, 2: 262.
- (7) Theodore C. Blegen, Building Minnesota, 14-16 (Boston, [1938]).

1772 and 1773 bloody battles between war parties of the two nations were fought near the mouth of Elk River, a few miles from the present Wright County. Details of these battles, one of which raged all day, have been preserved.(8) In 1825 the two nations agreed to a boundary line between their hunting grounds. The line in this region crossed the Mississippi River at the site of Watab, followed the Watab for several miles and then extended northwestward. The Chippewa were to stay north of the line and the Sioux south of it.(9) Neither Indian nation, however, observed the agreement, and in a short time spasmodic warfare flared again.(10) The land across the Mississippi from the present Wright County was ceded to the United States by the Sioux in 1837.(11) Wright County and much adjoining territory west and south of the Mississippi River was ceded by the treaties of Mendota and Traverse des Sioux, signed in 1851 and approved in 1853.(12)

For several years the Winnebago Indians ranged this vicinity from their reservation on the west side of the Mississippi between the Watab and Crow Wing Rivers to which they had moved in 1848 under a treaty signed in 1846.(13) In 1853 there was a large encampment of the Winnebago on the west bank of the Mississippi River between the mouths of the Rum and Crow Rivers. A traveler of the period wrote: "On the west side of the Mississippi, about three miles above Rum River, there was a large encampment of Winnebago Indians, consisting of about one hundred lodges. These are constructed of oak bark, fastened by strips of buckskin over arched poles, resembling in shape the cover of a wagon; they are about eight feet high, and from 10 to 30 feet long, according to the number of families to be accommodated. The chief's lodge in the center is much larger, and distinguished by the flags upon it, two British and two American colors. The shores are lined with canoes, and the village extends an eighth of a mile along the river."(14) The Winnebago were moved to another part of the State in 1855.(15)

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(8) Winchell, The Aborigines of Minnesota, 535, 538, 539.

(9) Ibid., 616, 617; 7 Stat., 272-275.

(10) William Watts Folwell, A History of Minnesota, 1: 146, 147 (St. Paul, 1921); Warren Upham, Minnesota in Three Centuries, 1655-1908, 2: 273, 274 (New York, 1908).

(11) 7 Stat., 538, 539.

(12) 10 Stat., 949, 954.

(13) 9 Stat., 878; Joseph Theodore Estabrook, The Winnebago Indians, 1634-1863, 67 et seq., a manuscript in possession of the Minnesota Historical Society; Upham, Minnesota in Three Centuries, 2: 209-212.

(14) Bertha L. Heilbron, ed., "Isaac I. Stevens and the Pacific Railroad Survey of 1853," in Minnesota History, 7: 132, 133 (St. Paul, Minnesota Historical Society, June 1926).

(15) 10 Stat., 1172.



## Early Explorers

Father Louis Hennepin, a Belgian friar, accompanied two French soldiers, Michel Accault and Antoine Auguelle, to this region in 1680. After being sent out from the present site of Peoria, Illinois, by Robert Cavelier, sieur de La Salle, they were captured by the Sioux Indians and taken to the Mille Lacs region. Hennepin and Auguelle first saw the region early in July when they descended the Rum River from Mille Lacs on the trip which resulted in the discovery of St. Anthony Falls. Accault made the trip shortly afterward. While hunting on the Mississippi River below the mouth of the St. Croix River, the three white men were rescued by a group of Frenchmen led by Daniel Greysolon Du Luth who had reached the Mille Lacs region the previous year. After the meeting, the Frenchmen all returned to Mille Lacs and a little later descended the Rum River. This was the second trip of Hennepin and his companions down that river.(16)

Jonathan Carver, a New Englander exploring under British auspices, spent the winter of 1766-67 with the Sioux on the Minnesota River. He ascended the Mississippi River and afterward claimed that he reached the mouth of the River St. Francis, now the Elk River. If his claim is true he viewed the present Wright County.(17)

Lieutenant Zebulon M. Pike ascended the upper Mississippi River on an exploring trip for the United States Government in the fall of 1805 and spent the winter in a stockade which he built on the west bank of the Mississippi about 4 miles below the site of Little Falls. Other early explorers who visited this region were Lewis Cass and Henry Rowe Schoolcraft in 1820, Giacomo C. Beltrami in 1823, Schoolcraft again in 1832, and Joseph N. Nicollet in 1836. All these explorers were searching for the sources of the Mississippi.(18)

## Early Fur Traders

A trading post was operated at Sauk Rapids as early as 1789, when Jean Baptiste Perrault, extensive trader, spent the

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- (16) Folwell, A History of Minnesota, 1: 27-30; Blegen, Building Minnesota, 38, 39.
- (17) Folwell, A History of Minnesota, 1: 55-57; J. Carver, Travels Through the Interior Parts of North America, in the Years 1766, 1767 and 1768, 3d ed., 71 (London, 1781).
- (18) Blegen, Building Minnesota, 75, 76, 89, 92-96; Folwell, A History of Minnesota, 1: 95, 105, 111, 117, 123, 125.



winter there at the home of one Giasson.(19) There was a post of the Northwest Company on the east bank of the Mississippi below the mouth of the Sauk River in 1797.(20) A post of Robert Dickson was situated just below Sauk Rapids during the winter of 1805-6.(21) British posts were operated on the west side of the Mississippi at the mouth of Rum River in 1805.(22)

### Development Begins

The first white man to establish himself in what is now Wright County was Edmund Brissett, a Canadian who came to Fort Snelling in 1832 and engaged in carpenter work and interior woodwork. In time, Brissett became a fur-trader. His principal post was near Lake Harriet, in Hennepin County. Brissett opened a trading post at the west end of Lake Pulaski in Wright County about 1850 when the Winnebago were ranging the area. In 1851 he and his associates cut a road through the timber from Lake Harriet and Lake Calhoun, in Hennepin County, to the present site of Buffalo in Wright County, and from thence a trail to the west end of Lake Pulaski. Early settlers found this road of much service. The Brissett post was abandoned in 1855.(23)

In 1850 or 1851 Samuel E. Carrick established a trading post on the Mississippi in the present township of Otsego. He located a claim nearby, which was the first farm opened in Wright County. John McDonald settled in Otsego Township on the present site of the hamlet of Otsego in July 1852. He was a native of Maine, and a member of the first board of county commissioners. In the summer of 1852, Herbert McCrory and Frederick M. Cadwell settled in what is now Monticello Township, near the present village of Monticello. At this time there was nothing but an Indian trail between Otsego and Monticello. In the spring of 1854 a wagon road was cut between the two points.(24)

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- (19) Jean Baptiste Perrault, "Narrative of the Travels and Adventures of a Merchant Voyageur," in Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections, 37: 554, 555 (Lansing, Mich., 1909, 1910).
- (20) Winchell, The Aborigines of Minnesota, 583, map.
- (21) Zebulon Montgomery Pike, Expeditions to Headwaters of the Mississippi, Coues edition, 1: 99, note (New York, 1895).
- (22) "Map of the Mississippi River," accompanying Pike, Expeditions to Headwaters of the Mississippi, Coues edition, v.3.
- (23) Franklyn Curtiss-Wedge, History of Wright County, Minnesota, 1: 91 (Chicago, 1915).
- (24) Ibid., 1: 92; History of the Upper Mississippi Valley, 484 (Minneapolis, 1881); The Eagle, Delano, January 20, 1881.

Otsego and Monticello Townships were first settled in 1852; Clearwater, Frankfort, and Silver Creek Townships in 1854; Albion, Buffalo, Chatham, Franklin, Marysville, Rockford, Victor, and Woodland Townships in 1855; Cokato, Corinna, French Lake, Maple Lake, Middleville, and Stockholm in 1856; and Southside Township in 1857.(25)

These settlements were rapidly augmented and the land in the east, south, and central portions of the county was nearly all taken by the close of the year 1857. In the fall of that year came the financial crash, and many claims were abandoned during the years 1858, 1859, and 1860. The settlers suffered from the results of rain, hailstorms, heat, and drought. The locusts, too, frightened many away. These made their first appearance in August 1856. The loss was greatest in Otsego and Monticello Townships. The locusts reappeared the following spring, left half a crop, and moved southward in June. The county was visited by new hordes in 1873, 1876 and 1877. The greatest damage was done in 1876.(26)

The year 1859 is noted for the advent of the ginseng buyers from West Virginia and from Cincinnati, Ohio. The supply of this article had been diminished in West Virginia and Kentucky. When the trade was opened in Wright County, prosperity and plenty followed. Had it not been for this temporary relief, many more would have been compelled to abandon their farms and claims.(27)

The terror felt when news of the Indian outbreak swept the State in August 1862 was intensified in Wright County by the fact that the settlers living in small clearings in the deep timber were almost entirely isolated from neighbors. These people congregated at central points, erected stockades, and prepared for defense. With the defeat of the Indians at Wood Lake on September 23, and the flight of the warriors who were not captured, life in this region resumed its normal pioneer pattern. Most of the settlers returned to their claims, and newcomers arrived to take the place of those who were too terrified to return to their homes in the wilderness.

Fears that still lingered were realized almost a year after the outbreak. A group of roving Indians who had escaped capture

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- (25) Warren Upham, Minnesota Geographic Names, Their Origin and Historical Significance, 586-590 (Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society, 17, St. Paul, 1921); The Eagle, Delano, May 19 to September 8, 1881.
- (26) The Eagle, Delano, February 3, 1881; C. A. French and F. B. Lamson, Condensed History of Wright County, 1851-1935, 14 (Delano, 1935); History of the Upper Mississippi Valley, 486.
- (27) The Eagle, Delano, February 24, 1881; Curtiss-Wedge, History of Wright County, 1: 217.

penetrated to the heart of the county on the night of June 7, 1863, and stole some horses. On June 29 they encountered the family of Amos Dustin near the site of the village of Howard Lake, murdered 3 of the family, and mortally wounded a fourth. Two days later James McGannon was murdered while traveling on the road near Fair Haven.(28)

Many settlers moved into Middleville Township in the late spring and summer of 1866, with the prospect of having the railroad built through the county. It was too late to raise much, and the spring of 1867 found them without means of subsistence. Wet weather made railroad employment impossible. Rivers overflowed, and roads were impassable. There was much suffering and destitution until the county and the Quakers gave timely help.(29)

### Wright County War

The "Wright County War," so called, grew from a township affair to a county, and even to a State affair. Henry A. Wallace, a native of New Hampshire, came to Wright County in 1857 and settled in Rockford Township. He was reported to be wealthy and had considerable ready cash. He made good progress in farming in the spring of 1858, and became a favorite with the other settlers. About the same time, Oscar F. Jackson came from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and settled on the adjoining section to Wallace. He was reputed to be in hard circumstances, did not work much at home, or cultivate much land, and worked for his neighbors to earn money for support. In September 1858 Wallace was missing. The settlers became alarmed, turned out to look for him, and found his body in some bushes near his hay-field. Suspicion rested on Jackson as the murderer, but when questioned he pleaded innocence. Legal action was taken against him, but he was acquitted, after which he left the county. His return the following April once more aroused the settlers to anger. They surrounded his home, took him out, and hanged him from the gable of Wallace's home. Later in April, at a celebration at Minnehaha Falls, one of the lynchers was recognized and taken into custody. When the news of his arrest became known, excitement was again stirred up. He was taken away from the sheriff and hidden. Governor Henry H. Sibley proclaimed the county in a state of insurrection, and ordered out State troops to be stationed at Monticello. The cost of this expedition was considerable, both for the county and the State. Three men were

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- (28) French and Lamson, Condensed History of Wright County, 14; Folwell, A History of Minnesota, 2: 283, 442; The Eagle, Delano, March 3, 1881.
- (29) The Eagle, Delano, March 10, 1881; French and Lamson, Condensed History of Wright County, 30.

arrested, released on bail, and acquitted by the court in October, and thus peace was restored.(30)

### County Created

An act approved October 27, 1849, divided Minnesota Territory into 9 counties, Wabashaw, Dakotah, Wahnahta, Mahkahta, Pembina, Itasca, Washington, Ramsey, and Benton. Dakotah County included what is now Wright County. The Legislature of 1851 divided the territory into Benton, Dakotah, Itasca, Cass, Pembina, Ramsey, Washington, Chisago, and Wabashaw Counties. By this revision, the part of Wright County south of the north branch of the Crow River remained in Dakotah County, and the northern part in Cass County. By the act of March 5, 1853, the southern part was placed in Sibley and Nicollet Counties, and the northern part remained in Cass County. The present boundaries of Wright County were established February 20, 1855.(31)

### County Organization

Wright County was declared organized March 2, 1855. Governor Willis A. Gorman appointed John McDonald, Sr., Archie Downie, and J. D. Taylor, county commissioners. At the first meeting of the county commissioners, April 9, 1855, the following officers were appointed: John O. Haven, register of deeds and surveyor; Herbert W. McCrory, sheriff; William Creighton, attorney; James C. Beekman, treasurer; Israel Record, judge of probate; Row Brasie, coroner; Selah Markham, Joseph Brown, Dudley P. Chase, assessors; John Dow, Archie Downie, Samuel McMannus, George Bertram, John McDonald, and Ezra Tubbs, justices of the peace; Oscar Dow, John Lowell, Newell Houghton, J. B. Rich, William Casely, and Otis True, constables.(32)

### County Name

Wright County was named in honor of Silas Wright, a New York statesman. The name was adopted as a compromise after a

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- (30) The Eagle, Delano, February 3, 10, 17, 1881; Folwell, A History of Minnesota, 2: 29, 30; French and Lamson, Condensed History of Wright County, 13; General Laws, 1860, ch. 27, sec. 1; Minnesota. Auditor. Annual Report, 9, in Executive Documents, 1860 (St. Paul, 1861); History of the Upper Mississippi Valley, 488; Curtiss-Wedge, History of Wright County, 194-204.
- (31) Laws, 1849, ch. 5, sec. 1-11, 19; Revised Statutes, 1851, ch. 1; Laws, 1853, ch. 11, sec. 9, 10; 1855, ch. 6, sec. 17.
- (32) Laws, 1855, ch. 24, sec. 19, 20; County Commissioners' Records, A: 1, 2, entry 1.



somewhat animated legislative discussion. Silas Wright was born in Amherst, Massachusetts, May 24, 1795. He graduated at Middlebury College, 1815; studied law and practiced at Canton, New York, 1819; member of Congress, 1827-29; comptroller of the State of New York, 1820-33; United States senator, 1833-44; and Governor of New York, 1845-47. After one term as Governor, he retired to his farm in Canton, where he resided until his death on August 27, 1847.(33)

### First Local Units

At the first meeting of the board of county commissioners, the county was divided into three election precincts, Big Bend, Monticello, and Pleasant Grove. Three election judges were appointed for each precinct. Rockford, the fourth precinct, and Buffalo, the fifth precinct, were established January 6, 1857. Three school districts and 3 road districts were also defined at the first meeting of the board. The boundaries were the same as those of the 3 election precincts.(34)

### Judicial Districts

When the first general term of court for Wright County was held at Monticello in December, 1857, the county was a part of the fourth judicial district.(35) It was placed in the same district by the State constitution in 1858 and continued there by acts of the Legislature the same year, and in 1860 and 1870.(36) In 1897 it was united with Sherburne, Anoka, and Itasca, to form the 18th judicial district.(37) This arrangement is unchanged.(38)

### County Seat Question

The county seat was located at Monticello by a legislative act of March 1855. In 1857 the question was submitted to a vote of the people, and the location at Monticello was confirmed. A petition for removal to Buffalo was considered by the board of county commissioners in September 1862. At the election in the fall, the proposition was defeated. Again in 1867 the Legislature

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(33) Upham, Minnesota Geographic Names, 586; John S. Jenkins, The Life of Silas Wright, 16-254 (Auburn, N. Y., 1847).

(34) County Commissioners' Records, A: 2, 28.

(35) The Eagle, Delano, March 24, 1881.

(36) Constitution of the State of Minnesota, schedule, sec. 14; General Laws, 1858, ch. 67, sec. 4; 1860, ch. 71, sec. 1; 1870, p.149.

(37) Laws, 1897, ch. 379, sec. 1.

(38) Laws, 1939, p.1112.

passed a bill submitting removal of the county seat to a vote of the people at the fall election. The result was favorable to Buffalo. The county commissioners held their last meeting in Monticello March 12, 1868, and their first meeting in Buffalo on March 23, 1868.(39)

### Courthouse and Jail

First county offices were kept in the various homes of the officers. Two rooms on the second floor of the Chambers Building were rented in 1861. In this the auditor, register of deeds, clerk of the district court, and sheriff were housed. From 1864 to 1868 the schoolhouse in district 7 was used for court purposes. The Legislature authorized the county to issue bonds for the erection of buildings in 1867.

When the county seat was changed from Monticello to Buffalo, the citizens of Buffalo provided a two-story building, 24 x 36 feet, rent free for five years. In 1873 the building was purchased by the county for \$900. The same year the Legislature authorized bonds for the erection of buildings, but this measure was defeated. The site for the new courthouse was determined in October 1872 and was platted and surveyed in November. Bids for erection of the courthouse were accepted in January 1876. Bonds were issued in accordance with legislative acts of March 1876 and February 1877. Offices were moved in January 1878. The old courthouse and grounds were sold in July 1878.(40) On July 15, 1859, the board of county commissioners voted to issue bonds to erect a jail at a cost of \$1,500, but, by the time it was completed, it cost \$2,500. The land was donated so long as used for county purposes. The building was of logs, 20 x 24 feet, clapboarded on the outside, and plastered on the inside. When the county seat was moved to Buffalo, the property reverted to the original owners. The railroad station now stands on that site. The present courthouse has cells in the basement for temporary detention of prisoners. Prisoners subject to jail imprisonment

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- (39) Laws, 1855, ch. 24, sec. 21; 1857, ch. 30; Special Laws, 1867, ch. 46; County Commissioners' Records, A: 171, 297; French and Lamson, Condensed History of Wright County, 15; The Eagle, Delano, March 10, 1881; Curtiss-Wedge, History of Wright County, 1: 134.
- (40) County Commissioners' Records, A: 158, 221, 233, 284, 289, 442, 446; B: 158, 165, 270-272; C: 37; Special Laws, 1867, ch. 97; 1873, ch. 175, sec. 1; 1876, ch. 84, sec. 1; 1877, ch. 92, sec. 1; Curtiss-Wedge, History of Wright County, 1: 134; History of the Upper Mississippi Valley, 494; The Eagle, Delano, March 24, 1881; French and Lamson, Condensed History of Wright County, 17, 18.

are taken to Hennepin County. This is a satisfactory arrangement since the expense incurred is less than that of maintaining a jail.(41)

### Education

E. W. Merrill and his sister came to Wright County in 1854 and organized the Monticello Academy. This was the beginning of the Wright County educational system, out of which grew the first high school in the county, which graduated its first class in 1886. The first schools were established along the natural highways of travel along the Mississippi and Crow Rivers, in Monticello, Otsego, Silver Creek, Clearwater, Frankfort, and Franklin Townships. The first 3 school districts were established at the first meeting of the board of county commissioners in April 1855, corresponding to the 3 election precincts. District 4 was organized in July 1855, district 5 and 6 in October 1855, 4 districts in 1856, and 12 districts in 1857. By April 1909, 138 districts had been created. There were 283 pupils in the county in January 1857, and 719 between the ages of 4 and 21 in 39 districts in 1860. Reports for 1915 show 7 high schools, 5 graded schools, 9 semi-graded schools, and 117 rural schools. School examiners were appointed in September 1862. The office of superintendent of schools was established in 1860.(42)

In 1937-38 there were 140 schoolhouses in 138 districts. For the school year 1938-39 there were 2,731 pupils in the secondary and graded elementary schools taught by 128 teachers, and 2,375 pupils in ungraded elementary schools taught by 129 teachers. High school courses are offered in Annandale, Howard Lake, Maple Lake, Delano, Montrose, Rockford, Buffalo, Cokato, Monticello, and Clearwater.(43)

### Religious Groups

Early churches of Wright County were started in the home. Methodist services were held in Otsego as early as 1854 and the

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- (41) County Commissioners' Records, A: 71, 99; D: 278; General Laws, 1858, ch. 217; The Eagle, Delano, February 24, 1881; History of the Upper Mississippi Valley, 489; Curtiss-Wedge, History of Wright County, 1: 133.
- (42) County Commissioners' Records, A: 2; G: 236; The Eagle, Delano, January 27, 1881; Minnesota. Superintendent of Public Instruction. Annual Report, 6, in Executive Documents, 1860; Curtiss-Wedge, History of Wright County, 2: 553, 566; History of the Upper Mississippi Valley, 495; Wright County Journal Press, Buffalo, December 10, 1936 (Golden Special), sec. 3, p.4.
- (43) Educational Directory of Minnesota Public Schools, 1939-40, 22, 25-46 (St. Paul, 1940?)

church was organized in 1857. Services of that denomination were held in Monticello and Clearwater in 1855. Baptist and Congregational churches were organized at Monticello in 1855. Episcopal services were held at Clearwater in 1857 and the first church incorporated in 1859. The Latter Day Saints had headquarters at Moritzious (now part of Monticello) for several years. A Swedish Covenant church came into being at Buffalo in 1865. An Advent church was started at Monticello in 1868. A Society of Friends held its first meeting in 1870 at Howard Lake. A Disciples of Christ church had its beginning in 1874 at Howard Lake. Presbyterian churches were organized at Buffalo and Howard Lake in 1875.

The first German Lutheran church was organized in Franklin Township in 1859. The first Swedish Lutheran churches were organized in Mooers Prairie and Buffalo in 1866, and the first Finnish Lutheran church was organized in Cokato Township in 1872.

The first Catholic families began to arrive in 1855. They were mostly of German and French descent. Regular visits to Catholic settlers were made by the Benedictine Fathers from St. Paul, and later from St. John's College, Stearns County. After 1886, Catholics came in increasing numbers. German Catholics settled mostly near the Crow River at St. Michael and Delano, a few going to Buffalo and Waverly. The French took up farming in the townships of Marysville and Chatham. The Polish people settled in Franklin and Woodland Townships. The Irish and other English-sp eaking Catholics scattered over the County. The first Catholic church was organized in 1874 at Delano.(44)

The church members in Wright County numbered 16,735 in 1926. Of these, 6,927 belonged to the Roman Catholic church, 5,805 were affiliated with various Lutheran Synods, 860 belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church, 75 to the Protestant Episcopal church, 378 to the Presbyterian church, 158 to the Congregational churches, 130 to the Northern Baptist church, 114 to the Evangelical church, 217 to the Evangelical Synod of North America, 264 to the Scandinavian Evangelical church, and 1,807 to other bodies.

Of the 5,805 Lutherans, 2,496 belong to the Augustana Synod, 1,681 to the Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, 1,193 to the Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States, and 435 to the Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States.(45)

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(44) French and Lamson, Condensed History of Wright County, 117-132; Curtiss-Wedge, History of Wright County, 2: 672-1110.

(45) U. S. Bureau of the Census, Religious Bodies, 1926, 1: 630, 631.



## Transportation

At the first meeting of the board of county commissioners 3 road districts were established, and 3 road supervisors appointed. On July 16, 1855, the road between Waterville and Monticello was selected and marked out. A petition for the road from Monticello and El Dorado and for the Crow River road was granted July 2; for the road from Monticello to Big Lake, September 3; from Emery's claim to Birch Lake, October 3, 1855; from Clearwater to Fish Lake, October 6; and from Monticello to Fair Haven, August 22, 1857. Other road petitions were granted October 6, 1856, January 6, January 30, April 6, 7, and May 4, 1857.(46)

From the time the county was organized, communication between Wright and Sherburne Counties was by means of ferries. Ferry licenses were granted to A. C. Riggs, October 6, 1856, for a ferry across the Mississippi River at lower Monticello; to John McDonald, January 5, 1865, for a ferry across the Mississippi River at Otsego; and to Clarks Beal, June 25, 1873, for a ferry across the Mississippi River at Clearwater. Funds for bridge construction across Fish Creek were appropriated January 8, 1863 and for a bridge across Crow River at Rockford, May 30, 1866. Additional funds were drawn for the Rockford bridge, June 19, 1876. A committee was appointed for the rebuilding of the bridge across Crow River between Dayton Township in Hennepin County and Otsego Township in Wright County, March 3, 1869. An appropriation of \$100 was made for a bridge across the Clearwater River on the Kingston-Fair Haven road between the counties of Wright and Stearns, January 9, 1886. The county board entered into a contract with the Variety Iron Works for the building of an iron bridge across the Crow River at Delano, June 15, 1889.

In 1891 a bridge was built at Monticello by the county, township, and village, with some help from Big Lake, Becker, and personal contributions. In 1901 Wright County contributed \$5,000 toward a substantial bridge from Otsego Township to Elk River, and in April 1905 the county contracted \$3,000 for this same bridge. The present bridge between Wright and Sherburne Counties at Monticello was built in 1933 by the State Highway Department at a cost of \$140,000. In 1933, Wright, Stearns, and Sherburne joined in building a bridge at Clearwater. The county now has 3 substantial bridges across the Mississippi River.(47)

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(46) County Commissioners' Records, A: 2, 3, 7, 9, 25, 27, 32-34, 40, 44.

(47) Ibid., A: 25, 189, 220, 249, 464; B: 171; D: 73, 254; G: 5; Special Laws, 1869, ch. 64, sec. 1; 1870, ch. 100, sec. 1; 1891, ch. 481, sec. 1; French and Lamson, Condensed History of Wright County, 138, 139.

The railroad known as the Breckenridge division of the St. Paul and Pacific was located through Wright County in 1866, and the right-of-way through the "Big Woods" was cut in the winter of 1866-67. The road was completed to Wayzata in 1867; to Delano in October 1868; and to Cokato in July 1869. Breckenridge, on the Red River of the North, was reached in October 1871. Foreclosure decrees were entered against the company in May 1879, and the St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Manitoba Railway Company was formed.

The Great Northern Railroad Company, organized in 1889, leased the lines of this company in February 1890 and took over the charter of the Minneapolis and St. Cloud Railway Company. A survey was made through the northern part of the county in 1878, passing through the villages of Monticello and Clearwater. Another survey was made in the winter of 1880-81, the road graded in 1881, completed to Clearwater in January 1882, and to St. Cloud in December 1882. This road, sometimes known as the Osseo branch, was constructed by the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway Company under charter of the Minneapolis and Northwestern Railway Company.

The Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company, known as the Soo Line, was organized and incorporated in 1884 under the laws of the State of Wisconsin. It was in operation through Wright County in 1886 from the Twin Cities to North Dakota.(48)

For a while steamboat traffic on the upper Mississippi River flourished. The first steamboat above the Falls of St. Anthony began making regular trips to Sauk Rapids in 1850. Even after the coming of the railroads river traffic continued, and several efforts were made to form companies with considerable capital to operate extensive lines of steamboats and barges to compete with the railroads. The railroads, however, gradually reduced their rates and absorbed more and more of the traffic. The last regular steamboat trip was made in 1874.(49)

#### Postal Development

The postal history of Wright County dates from 1855 when the Clearwater and Monticello post offices were established. Mail was brought by ferry from the stage route on the opposite bank of the Mississippi River. The Silver Creek, Albion, Otsego,

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(48) Curtiss-Wedge, History of Wright County, 1: 226, 227;

History of the Upper Mississippi Valley, 495; French and Lamson, Condensed History of Wright County, 44, 48.

(49) William Bell Mitchell, History of Stearns County, Minnesota, 1: 437-440 (Chicago, 1915).

and Norwood post offices were established in 1856, and the Cokato, St. Michael, and Rockford post offices in 1857. There were 26 post offices in the county in 1893 and 31 in 1903. With the coming of the rural free delivery in 1904, a number of post offices were discontinued. In 1915 there were 17 post offices and 40 rural routes.(50)

### Townships and Villages

The board of county commissioners divided the county into townships on April 6, 1858, as follows: Otsego, Monticello, Frankfort, Rockford, Middleville, Marysville, Newport, Woodland, Silver Creek, Clearwater, Albion, and Buffalo. These townships were organized on May 11, 1858. Delhi and Maple Lake Townships were organized later the same year. French Lake Township was organized in 1865; Victor Township in 1866; Chatham, Cokato, Southside, and Stockholm Townships in 1868. The name Newport was changed to Franklin in September 1858, and Delhi was changed to Corinna in June 1864. From 1861 to 1868, previous to organization, Cokato Township was called Mooers Prairie.(51)

Albion Township bears an ancient name of England meaning "white land"; Chatham commemorates the distinguished English statesman, William Pitt, the first earl of Chatham; Corinna was named from a village in Maine; Marysville was named by its early Catholic settlers; Middleville from a village in Virginia; Stockholm by its Swedish settlers; Victor for a village in Ontario County, New York; Woodland for its originally wooded condition; Buffalo, French Lake, and Maple Lake from their lakes; Clearwater from its lake and river; Silver Creek from its creek; and Southside from its relation to the Clearwater River.(52)

Buffalo, the county seat, was platted in 1856, incorporated in May 1887, and reincorporated in August 1908. It is named for its lake. This locality was a favorite camping ground of the Sioux Indians, where they came in the summer to fish and gather cranberries and in the winter to hunt deer. In 1855 the Winnebago Indians had a large village where Buffalo now stands. The first dwelling in the village was built by Amasa Ackely, the first store by Moses Calkins in 1856, and the first hotel opened by Jackson Taylor. The census of 1920 showed a population of 1,438 inhabitants, and the census of 1930 a population of 1,409.

Albertville, on the Great Northern Railway, is on the northern edge of Frankfort Township. Annandale, on the Soo Line, is in Corinna Township. It was platted in October 1886, incorporated in April 1888, and named for the river and seaport of

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(50) Curtiss-Wedge, History of Wright County, 2: 637, 638.

(51) County Commissioners' Records, A: 54-56, 58, 231, 234, 292.

(52) Upham, Minnesota Geographic Names, 586-590.



Annan in southern Scotland. Clearwater, in the township of the same name, was platted in the spring of 1856. The old mill site, consisting of 16 acres of wooded land on both sides of Clearwater River, has become a landscaped recreational park. The military highway connecting Minneapolis with Fort Ripley is constructed through this village. Cokato was founded in 1869 and incorporated in February 1878. When the railroad reached there in 1869 the population increased rapidly. The first human habitation within the limits of the village was a claim shanty built by Benjamin Lee. The first hotel was opened by B. Thurstenson in 1874 and conducted by him until September 1880. A steam flour mill, built by Ward Brothers and Runion in 1873, was successfully conducted until destroyed by fire in the spring of 1879.

Dayton, a village on the Crow River, is located in Otsego Township, Wright County, and Dayton Township, Hennepin County. It was platted in 1855, and named in honor of Lyman Dayton of St. Paul, one of the original proprietors. Delano, on the Great Northern Railway, is in Franklin Township. It was platted in 1868 and incorporated in February 1876. Delano was at first called Crow River, but was renamed in honor of Francis Roach Delano, a native of Massachusetts. Dickinson, on the Soo Line in Rockford Township, was named in honor of A. C. Dickinson on whose farm it was located. Enfield, on the Great Northern Railway in Silver Creek Township, was designated as a post office in March 1910.

Hanover, on the Crow River in Frankfort Township, was founded in 1877, incorporated in October 1891, and named in honor of the birthplace in Germany of its founders, the Vollbrecht brothers. Hasty, on the Great Northern Railway, is on the boundary of Clearwater and Silver Creek Townships. It was platted in 1895 on the farm of Warren Hasty. Howard Lake, on the northern edge of Victor Township, was platted in the spring of 1869 and incorporated in 1879. It was named for its lake, which was named for an English philanthropist. Maple Lake, on the Soo Line, was founded in 1886, and incorporated in December 1890.

Monticello, on the Great Northern Railway, was platted in the fall of 1854, incorporated in March 1856, and named for the "Little Mountain," a hill about two miles southeast of the village. Montrose, on the Great Northern Railway is on the northeastern edge of Marysville Township. It was platted in 1878, incorporated in 1881, and named from a burgh and seaport in Scotland. Otsego, on the Mississippi River, was platted in May 1857 and named for a lake, township, and county in the State of New York. Its post office was discontinued in 1904 when rural free delivery was installed. Rockford, founded in 1856 at a rocky ford of the Crow River, was platted in the spring of 1857 and incorporated in October 1881. Near its mill site, the Winnebago Indians had a village from 1850 to 1854.



St. Michael, in Frankfort Township, was incorporated in February 1890, and named from its Catholic church built in 1856. Smith Lake, on the Great Northern Railway in Middleville Township, was platted in July 1869 and named for the lake adjoining the land settled by Eugene Smith. South Haven, on the Soo Line in Southside Township, was platted in 1888 and incorporated in 1902. This village owes its existence to the failure of Fair Haven in Stearns County to make essential overtures to the railroad officials when the Soo Line was in process of construction. It has been the victim of a number of disastrous fires that have impeded its progress. The first was a store built in 1888 and destroyed in 1891. In 1906 fire destroyed the railroad station, which was replaced with a two-story depot. In April 1910 fire wiped out all business buildings for two blocks. The estimated loss was \$40,000. This section was speedily rebuilt. In 1911, on the anniversary of the 1910 conflagration, the portion of the business section not affected in 1910 was destroyed. It was rebuilt the same year. Waverly, on the south line of Marysville Township, was founded in 1869, when the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad reached this site. It was incorporated in 1881, and named for the adjacent Big and Little Waverly Lakes.(53)

Moritzious, platted in September 1854 and incorporated in August 1858, became a part of Monticello in April 1861. El Dorado, now a part of Clearwater, was claimed in 1855. Old Waverly, at the outlet of Little Waverly Lake, was platted in 1856, but never developed. Northwood, on the Mississippi River above the mouth of Crow River in Otsego Township, was platted in April 1856. A post office and freight house were established, a large hotel built, a store opened, and a schoolhouse erected. Metal polish was manufactured from a product dug from the river bank. This village flourished for three years, but Dayton gained supremacy, and the store and school were moved to that village. The hotel was soon in ruins, the post office discontinued, and the village of Northwood ceased to exist. The village of Otsego in Corinna Township, and the village platted in 1855 by the Holmes brothers in Albion Township never developed. Other paper towns which were platted, but never developed, were Hassan on the Crow River and partly in Wright County, Marysville in the center of that township, Manhattan two miles below Monticello on the Mississippi River, Mt. Vernon platted in Silver Creek Township in 1857, Fremont, Wright City, and Frankfort.(54)

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- (53) County Commissioners' Records, D: 194, 290; F: 343; Upham, Minnesota Geographic Names, 221, 586, 590; French and Lamson, Condensed History of Wright County, 18, 21, 36, 39; History of the Upper Mississippi Valley, 501, 511.
- (54) The Eagle, Delano, January 27, 1881; History of the Upper Mississippi Valley, 497, 516, 566; French and Lamson, Condensed History of Wright County, 31.

With the establishment of a dam and water-power mill in July 1857, a development was started that made Rockford the main manufacturing center of Wright County for many years. Products of these varied industries were native lumber, flour and ground feed, plow beams and handles, rakes, broom handles, cracker boxes, furniture, chair bottoms, chairs, canthook handles, woolen goods, flannels, and jeans. Tanning was an important industry, and gloves and mittens were manufactured. With destruction by fire and a lowering stage of water, these industries ceased to exist. (55)

### Agriculture and Industry

The principal industry of Wright County is agriculture. The heavy hardwood forest which once covered the county has all been converted into farm land, although a few acres of wood-lot remain on nearly every farm. The farms occupy about 90.3 percent of the county and of this about 60 percent is improved. The moraines, formed by the Grantsburg lobe of the Keewatin ice field, already mentioned, are developed agriculturally nearly as much as the relatively smooth till plains with prevailing clay soil, even though the moraines have many small knolls and a somewhat varied soil. (56)

The first settlers engaged in wheat raising almost exclusively. Starting in 1878, the big drop in wheat prices caused farmers to turn their attention to diversified farming and dairying. Progress in dairying was slow. Development of the creamery industry in the county began at Rockford in 1889 when the first creamery was established. After that, dairying expanded rapidly. In 1930 Wright County ranked eighth in the State in the number of cattle on farms and fifth among the 87 counties in the total value of all dairy products produced. (57)

In 1860 there were 645 farms in Wright County, and only 31 had more than 50 acres. The value per acre was \$2.72. Statistics for 1860 give us the following: Milk cows, 1,006; working oxen, 679; other cattle, 1,600; sheep, 140; swine, 3,932; butter produced, 71,285 pounds; cheese produced, 4,951 pounds. The largest crops in 1859 were potatoes and corn; 27,627 pounds of maple sugar and 2,866 gallons of maple syrup were produced. (58)

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(55) French and Lamson, Condensed History of Wright County, 34.

(56) Leverett and Sardeson, Surface Formations and Agricultural Conditions of the South Half of Minnesota, 92, 93.

(57) Curtiss-Wedge, History of Wright County, 2: 648; French and Lamson, Condensed History of Wright County, 97, 98.

(58) U. S. Census Office, 8th Census, 1860, Statistics of Agriculture, 80, 81, 83, 205; Minnesota. State Board of Equalization, Annual Report, 23, in Executive Documents, 1860; Martin J. Anderson, The Development of the Dairy Products Industry in Minnesota, 30 (Minnesota Dairy and Food Department, Bulletin 52, 1914).

In 1870, of 807 farms, 101 were more than 50 acres. In 1880, 2,717 farms averaged 24 acres each. In 1890 there were 3,522 farms; 3,992 farms in 1900, averaging 96.2 acres each; 3,814 farms in 1910, averaging 104.7 acres; and 4,019 farms in 1935 with an approximate land area of 442,240 acres. The average size of each farm in 1935 was 100 acres, and the average value per farm was \$5,980, or \$59.80 per acre.(59)

The largest crop in the county in 1879, 1889, 1899, and 1909 was wheat. The county was first in the production of sorghum molasses in 1879, 1889, and 1899, and first in the production of maple sugar in 1899. In 1870 the county produced 115,675 pounds of butter and 1,490 pounds of cheese; 578,423 pounds of butter and 5,314 pounds of cheese in 1890; 1,176,909 pounds of butter and 330 pounds of cheese in 1900; and 498,430 pounds of butter and 1,704 pounds of cheese in 1910.(60)

Wright County has 26 creameries which in 1939 produced 6,031,513 pounds of butter. Nineteen of the creameries are co-operative and 7 are independent. There are 2 cooperative cheese factories.(61)

Statistics for 1935 give the following figures: Cattle and calves, 51,928; horses and colts, 11,739; sheep and lambs, 6,254; and swine, 23,398. Crops raised in 1934 were as follows: Winter wheat, 4,447 bushels; spring wheat, 103,368 bushels; oats, 294,548 bushels; barley, 130,877 bushels; rye, 3,883 bushels; flax, 737 bushels; corn for all purposes, 71,793 acres; and potatoes 128,193 bushels.(62) In 1938 the county had 226,516 hens and 1,715 turkeys.(63)

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- (59) U. B. Bureau of the Census, 9th Census, 1870, 3: 355; 10th Census, 1880, Report on the Productions of Agriculture, 64; 11th Census, 1890, Report on the Statistics of Agriculture, 215; 12th Census, 1900, v.5, Agriculture, part 1, p.94; 13th Census, 1910, Abstract of the Census, with Supplement for Minnesota, 654; United States Census of Agriculture, 1935, 1: 221.
- (60) U. S. Bureau of the Census, 10th Census, 1880, Report on the Productions of Agriculture, 194, 288; 11th Census, 1890, Report on the Statistics of Agriculture, 372, 418; 12th Census, 1900, v.6, Agriculture, part 2, p.170, 487, 493; 13th Census, 1910, Abstract of the Census, with Supplement for Minnesota, 671; Anderson, The Development of the Dairy Products Industry in Minnesota, 31-37.
- (61) Minnesota. Department of Agriculture, Dairy and Food. Minnesota Creameries, Cheese and Ice Cream Factories, Milk Plants, Canneries and Bottlers, 1939, 25, 26, 28 (St. Paul, 1939?).
- (62) U. S. Bureau of the Census, United States Census of Agriculture, 1935, 1: 225, 232.
- (63) U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Minnesota State Farm Census for 1938, 9 (Bulletin 29, 1938).



Some years ago a group of men prospected for coal or lignite in Wright County about 2 miles from Dayton village. Two shafts were sunk, one about 80 feet deep. No coal or lignite was found, the effort was abandoned, and the shafts refilled.(64)

Lime was burned at the north end of the upper bridge in Dayton in 1870, averaging 800 to 900 barrels annually. It was white lime of excellent quality. Other kilns for lime burning were operated in Otsego and Frankfort, but the business was discontinued prior to 1879.

Bricks were first made about 1855 near Dayton, and in 1876 near Otsego, and from 1873 to 1879 at Cokato. Bricks used for the courthouse at Buffalo were made in 1876 two miles northeast of that village.(65)

A modern cooperative cheese plant was established in 1924 at Hasty in Silver Creek Township by the 4 Zumbrunnen brothers. This industry has developed from a small retail business into a large wholesale business. Today, it is the largest limburger cheese plant in the State of Minnesota. In 1935 one distributing company alone purchased 33,000 pounds per month. The quarters were enlarged in 1930 and a \$10,000 plant was erected. Another limburger cheese plant is located in Enfield.(66)

A canning plant was established in Cokato in 1904 and was sold to the Minnesota Valley Canning Company of Le Sueur in 1924. The Northland Canning Company organized and built a factory in 1925.(67)

The Howard Lake Nursery, established in 1879, and the Victor Nursery, established in 1895, were combined in 1906. The Johnson Produce Company started business in 1906, and has grown to such an extent that produce is shipped by carloads to markets in Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, and New England cities. In 1935, there were 3 flour mills in the county, at Cokato, Howard Lake, and Waverly. The Delano Granite Works was established in 1916, and transacts business in 12 states. The Bee Supply Company, established in 1896 on Nicollet Island, Minneapolis, moved to Buffalo in 1908. Beekeepers supplies and berry boxes are the main products. Basswood products, surgical splints, auto battery partitions, etc., are also included.(68)

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(64) Winchell and Upham, Geology of Minnesota, 2: 293.

(65) Ibid., 2: 260.

(66) French and Lamson, Condensed History of Wright County, 101; and information from the Minnesota Dairy and Food Department.

(67) French and Lamson, Condensed History of Wright County, 103.

(68) Ibid., 107-111.



There were 18 manufacturing establishments in 1870, employing 55 persons, and producing products valued at \$11,820; 27 establishments in 1880, employing 74 persons, and producing products valued at \$448,429; 79 establishments in 1890, employing 326 persons, and producing products valued at \$499,272; 137 establishments in 1900, employing 185 persons, and producing products valued at \$834,474; and 47 establishments in 1929, employing 216 persons, and producing products valued at \$3,876,511.(69)

Occupations in 1935 are listed as follows: 4,578 farmers; 796 common laborers; 280 mechanics and engineers; 3 miners; 20 lumbermen and woodsmen; 132 professional men; 152 dealers, supply men, and agents; 42 railroad employees; 56 clerks; 23 cooks, porters, and bartenders; 183 merchants and storekeepers; 2 manufacturers; 128 retired; and 242 unclassified.(70)

The 1930 figures show 8,986 persons engaged in useful occupations, of whom 63.16 percent, or 5,676 were engaged in agriculture. Other occupations were distributed as follows: Building industry, 305; clay, glass and stone industries, 29; food and allied industries, 142; paper, printing, and allied industries, 33; independent hand trades, 68; other manufacturing industries, 36; construction and maintenance of streets, etc., 84; automobile factories, repair shops, agencies, filling stations, etc., 241; postal service, 68; steam and street railways, 83; telephone and telegraph, 64; other transportation and communication, 61; banking, brokerage, insurance and real estate, 94; wholesale and retail trades except automobiles, 633; professional and semiprofessional services, 497; recreation and amusement, 60; hotels, restaurants, boarding houses, etc., 101; domestic and personal services, 281; industry not specified, 430.(71)

### Population

The census of Wright County taken by the sheriff in 1855 showed a population of 504 persons. Successive census figures since then show: 3,729 in 1860; 5,028 in 1865; 9,457 in 1870; 13,775 in 1875; 18,104 in 1880; 22,790 in 1885; 24,164 in 1890;

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(69) U. S. Bureau of the Census, 9th Census, 1870, 3: 535; 10th Census, 1880, Report on the Manufactures of the United States, 227; 11th Census, 1890, Report on Manufacturing Industries, part 1, p.482, 483; 12th Census, 1900, v.8, Manufactures, part 2, p.450, 451; 15th Census, 1930, Manufactures, 1929, 3: 266.

(70) Minnesota. Superintendent of Census. 4th Decennial Census, 1895, 274.

(71) U. S. Bureau of the Census, 15th Census, 1930, Population, v.3, part 1, p.1128.

29,157 in 1900; 28,082 in 1920; and 27,119 in 1930.(72) The foreign-born population in 1870 numbered 2,989, and the native-born 6,468; in 1890 the foreign-born 7,693, and native-born 16,471; and in 1930 the foreign-born 3,484, and the native-born 23,635.(73)

The countries were represented as follows in 1870: British America, 503; England and Wales, 94; Ireland, 424; Scotland, 32; Germany, 796; France, 55; Sweden and Norway, 887; Austria, 43; Switzerland, 49; Denmark, 6; others, 100; in 1895 as follows: Canada, 922; England, 113; Scotland, 24; Ireland, 398; France, 40; Sweden, 3,016; Germany, 2,541; Finland, 479; Norway, 346; Bohemia, 138; Poland, 130; Denmark, 40; Russia, 7; Wales, 4; others, 61; and in 1930 as follows: England, 43; Scotland, 4; Ireland, 31; Norway, 163; Sweden, 1,347; Denmark, 40; Netherlands, 80; Switzerland, 17; France, 13; Germany, 958; Poland, 46; Czechoslovakia, 75; Austria, 33; Yugoslavia, 3; Russia, 18; Finland, 317; Italy, 1; Canada, 249; others, 46.(74)

Colonial Americans were most numerous among the pioneers. They located in the river towns of Clearwater, Monticello, and Otsego, coming from New England, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. There was also an influx of settlers from Canada of Scotch and English descent. Scandinavians, both Swedish and Norwegian, were represented in 1856 near Lake Mary in Rockford Township and in the southwestern part of the county in the township of Stockholm in 1862. Beginning with the coming of the railroad in 1869, there was a steady flow of Swedish immigration. At the present time the Scandinavians are more numerous than any other nationality and are found in every section of the county.(75)

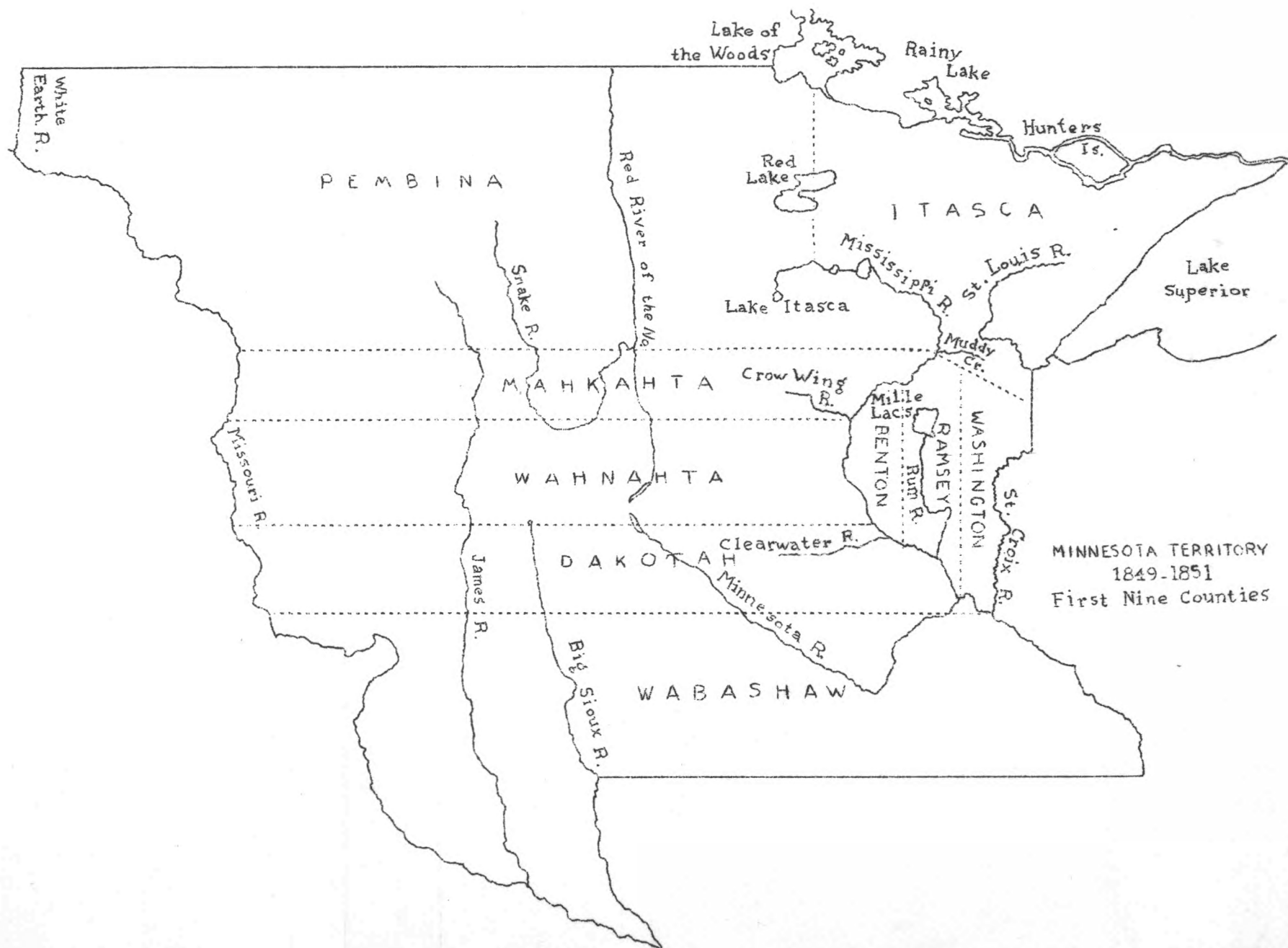
The Germans located in the townships of Frankfort and Franklin in the early days and are now located in other sections of the county as well. Next to the Scandinavians, they are most numerous. A large group of Polish people settled in Franklin

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- (72) Minnesota. Secretary of State. Legislative Manual of the State of Minnesota, 1891, 581; Register of Deeds Miscellaneous Record, B: 6; R. W. Murchie and M. E. Jarchow, Population Trends in Minnesota, 99 (University of Minnesota, Agricultural Experiment Station, Bulletin 327, 1937 reprint).
- (73) U. S. Bureau of the Census, 9th Census, 1870, 1: 360; 11th Census, 1890, Report on the Population of the United States, part 2, p.643, 644; 15th Census, 1930, Population, v.3, part 1, p.1221.
- (74) U. S. Bureau of the Census, 9th Census, 1870, 1: 360; 15th Census, 1930, Population, v.3, part 1, p.1221; French and Lamson, Condensed History of Wright County, 40.
- (75) French and Lamson, Condensed History of Wright County, 40, 41.

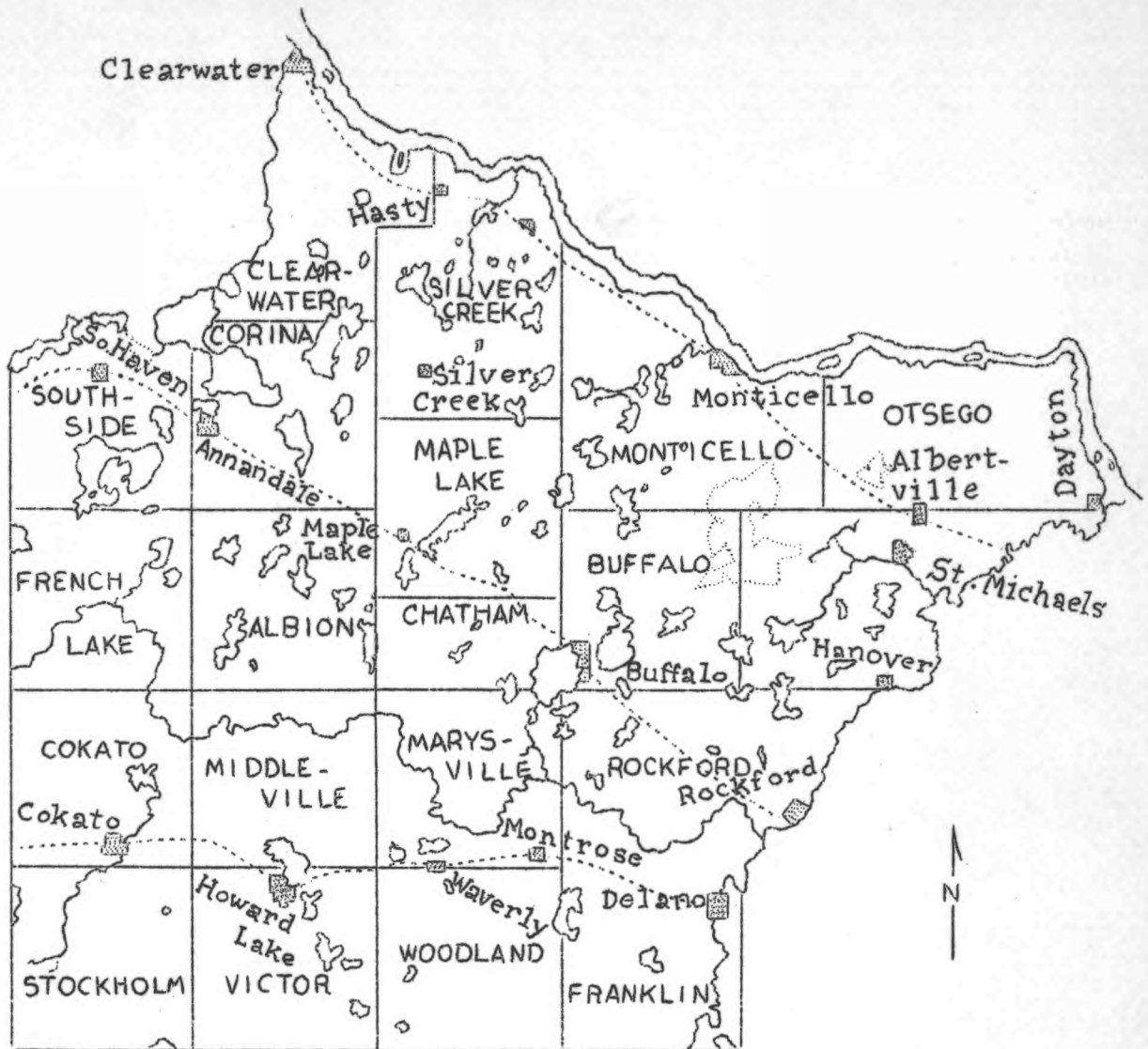
Township, near Delano. Irish settlers were also among the early pioneers. They located near Maple Lake and Waverly. Hollanders, from Amsterdam, settled near Silver Creek in 1867. The first Finnish people settled near Cokato in 1856 and are now located there and in Stockholm, French Lake, Southside, Middleville, Albion, and Corinna Townships.(76)

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(76) French and Lamson, Condensed History of Wright County, 41, 43, 44, 45.







Sketch Map  
of  
WRIGHT COUNTY

## GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION\*

A county is a portion of the area of the State, set aside for governmental purposes, organized as a body politic, with the powers of a corporation. As a body politic it provides for the public welfare within its area. It also acts as an agent of the State for the administration of State laws and as an agent of the United States for the administration of Federal laws. In certain matters it acts as an agent of the smaller communities within its borders.

Counties are created by the State through a process whereby the State sets aside a certain portion of its territory and enables the residents within that territory to organize politically in accordance with certain rules prescribed by the State. The quantity of governmental authority, the nature of its administration, and the relationship of a county to the State, to other counties, and to local communities, are prescribed by the State.

The county thus performs certain functions that are assigned to it. These are administrative, in which are blended executive, judicial, and legislative elements; recording; judicial and law enforcing; financial; elective; educational; and such as are concerned with public health, welfare, public works, and agricultural extension.

The administrative functions are embodied in a board of county commissioners, generally of five members, each one elected within his own commissioner district. This board is in general charge of the county's affairs, manager of its property, overseer of finances, and general director of the business of the county. Of this board the auditor serves as clerk.

All titles to land and other property within the area of the county are recorded by the county. This function centers in the office of the register of deeds. No holder of real estate is secure in his property unless the deed to such real estate is properly registered, and registration of such a document is prima-facie evidence of ownership. Other recording functions are performed by other county officers, such as clerk of the district court and auditor.

The administration of law within the county's boundaries is another county function. County officers concerned with the administration of law administer State and National laws. The judiciary begins in the local units with the justice of the peace and municipal courts. From these lower courts, cases are

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\*For citations see the forthcoming volume entitled County Government in Minnesota.

appealed to the district court which also has original jurisdiction in cases of greater importance. Although there may be several counties in the judicial district, the court sits in each county. The judge or judges of this court are chosen by the voters of the judicial district. The recording officer of judicial matters is the clerk of the district court who is a county official elected by the county. Cases may be appealed from the district court to the State Supreme court. A judge of probate, as county officer, is in charge of probate cases and certain cases having to do with juveniles and defectives.

Similarly to the lower courts, the local law enforcement agents are the constables and police chosen by smaller units. The sheriff and the county attorney are the county law enforcement agents. A coroner investigates cases of death that come under his jurisdiction.

The county has far-reaching financial functions. Although the assessors are locally elected, they are under the general direction of the county auditor who prepares their books and instructs them. The county board has budgetary functions in connection with county expenses. Tax rates for the county are set by the board and computed by the auditor. State and local levies are assessed along with those of the county. The county collects the taxes through the treasurer's office and distributes the money to those to whom it is due. It enforces State tax delinquency laws. Tax assessments are adjusted by the board of equalization. The auditor and the treasurer keep concurrent financial records and all accounts are examined at intervals by the board of audit.

Elections are managed by the county through the office of the auditor, including elections for Federal, State, county, and local officers, although this is done to a certain extent through the direction of the Secretary of State. State laws govern all elections, except where Federal laws apply in certain cases.

Education has been a function of the county from the time of the early history of the State, although it was less so during the early years. During late years the State has become more important in the management of the educational enterprise. The county office concerned is that of superintendent of schools.

County boards of health and the local boards and officers are guardians of public health within the county and are charged with the enforcement of health laws and with reporting vital statistics.

Aid to the poor and relief for the sick and handicapped have always been functions of the county. These functions have been performed through the establishment of poorhouses and the

setting up of relief agencies. There is a certain amount of cooperation here with the State and Federal agencies.

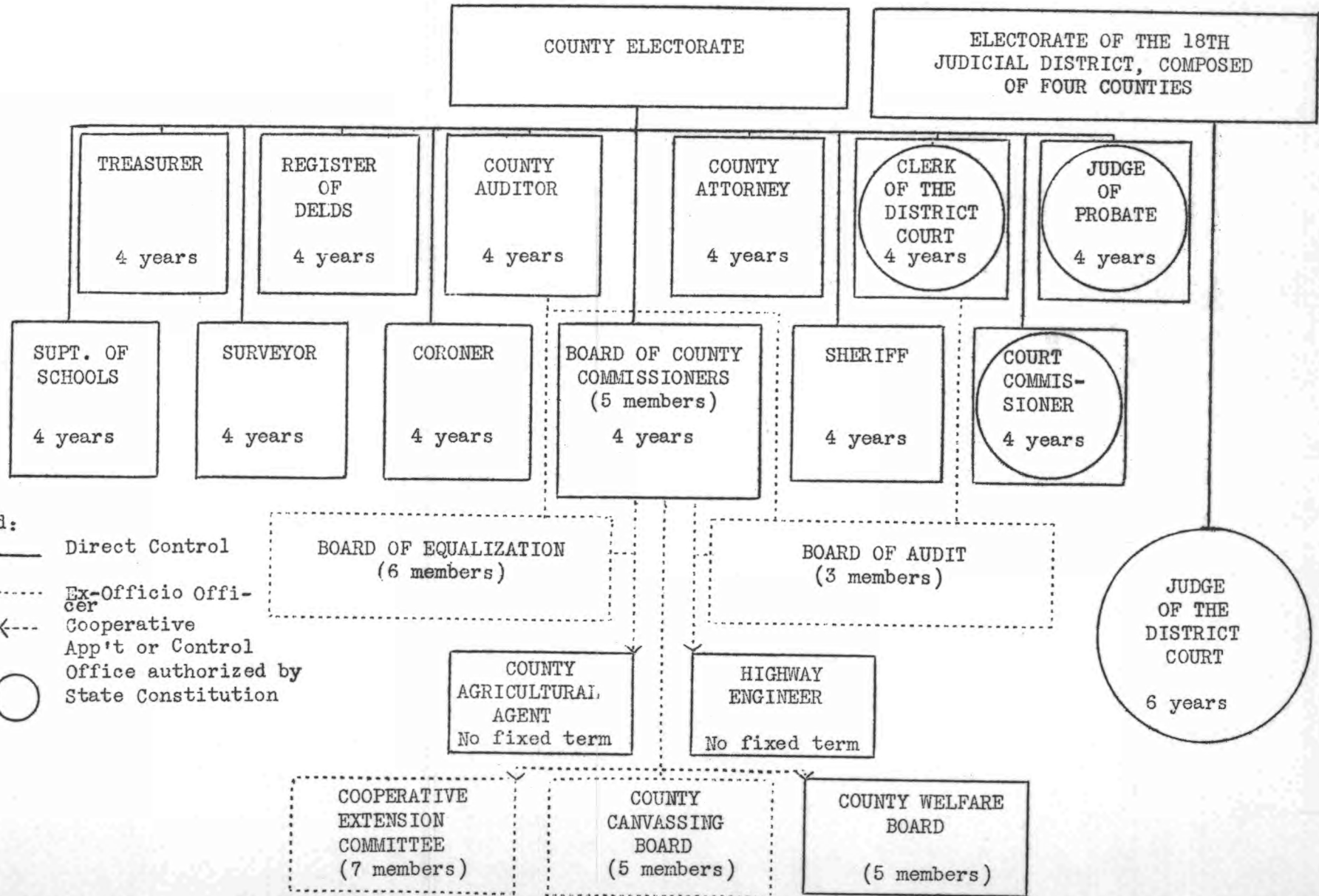
Besides the control of county property, the county also is engaged in the construction of public works, such as highways, bridges, ditches, and other improvements. Surveys are definitely a county function. Road building was one of the early ventures. It shared this function with the townships within its borders, and lately it has come to share it with the Federal Government. Roads come within the domain of the highway engineer.

During recent years agricultural extension has come to be a function of the county through improvements effected largely in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture of the University of Minnesota and the United States Department of Agriculture. A county agricultural agent is employed in many counties to carry out this function.

All county officers are required to keep records of their actions in performing county business. Record requirements in some cases are made by law. In other cases records are left to be inferred from the duties of the office. There are also records of a supplementary nature.



CHART OF GOVERNMENT, WRIGHT COUNTY  
1940



## HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

The present Wright County courthouse in Buffalo is located on Courthouse Square between a ravine and Courthouse Avenue, facing Bacon Street. The rear of the building overlooks Buffalo Lake, with trunk highway 55 at the foot of the grounds.

The building was erected in 1876-77 at a cost of \$26,640, and is a two-story brick and concrete structure approximately 80 x 80 feet, with projections on all four sides. A portion of the stone used in the foundation was obtained near Buffalo Lake; the remainder was brought from Minneapolis. The bricks were made two miles northeast of the village. A heating plant was installed in August 1907, and electric lights were installed in January 1908. The floors of the offices are hardwood. The ceilings are plastered and covered with tin, and the walls are plastered and papered.

The building faces northwest. The main entrance is on Bacon Street. Three stairways lead from the first to the second floor; two near the rear entry and one on the southwest side. Rooms on the first floor are 12½ feet high, on the second floor 20 feet high, and in the basement 9½ feet high.

On the first floor are offices and vaults of the clerk of the district court, judge of probate, auditor, treasurer, and register of deeds. On the second floor are offices of the sheriff, highway engineer, attorney, the courtroom, judge's chamber, and counsel and jury rooms. In the basement are the boilerroom, living quarters for the janitor, jail cells, and two vaults. None of the vaults in the building have windows. The floors are of cement and the walls and ceilings are plastered. There is no ventilation. All vaults have steel doors and either Diebold or Hall locks. They are not fireproof. There are no accommodations in the vaults for use in consulting the records.

The office of the board of county commissioners is with that of the auditor, who keeps the records of the board.

The auditor's office is in the north corner and is 18 x 30 feet. It has four doors and four windows. There are two office vaults, one 5 x 11 feet and one 7 x 15 feet, with approximately 150 feet of wooden shelving along the walls containing approximately 70 percent of the records. The remaining 30 percent are kept in the auditor's basement vault, which is 7 x 15 feet, with about 280 feet of wooden shelving.

The office of the register of deeds is in the south corner and is 17 x 24 feet. It has three windows and three doors. The office vault is 5 x 11 feet, with approximately 20 feet of wooden shelving along the walls, and 200 feet of shelving consisting of

book racks. Ninety percent of the records are kept in the office vault and 10 percent in the miscellaneous basement vault.

The office of the clerk of the district court is in the west corner and is 13 x 18 feet. It has two windows and three doors. The office vault, containing 60 percent of the records, is 5 x 8 feet, with approximately 605 feet of shelving in steel cabinets along the walls. Forty percent of the records are kept in the miscellaneous basement vault.

The office of the judge of probate is on the northwest side and is 16 x 18 feet. It has one window and three doors. The office vault is 8 x 8 feet, with approximately 150 feet of shelving in steel cabinets. Seventy percent of the records are kept in the office vault and 30 percent in the miscellaneous basement vault.

The sheriff's office, where his records are kept, is on the southwest side of the courthouse. It is L-shaped, 12 feet and 15 feet on the long sides. There are two windows and two doors. There is a small private office to the south, 7 x 10 feet, with two windows and one door.

The attorney's office is in the east corner of the courthouse. It is 12 x 12 feet, with two windows and two doors. The records are kept here.

There are no separate records of the board of equalization, but the minutes of the board are found in the county commissioners' record.

The treasurer's office is in the east corner and is 17 x 24 feet, with three doors and three windows. The office vault is 5 x 8 feet, with approximately 62 feet of wooden shelving along the walls. Some records are kept in a steel safe with an inside capacity of 3 x 4 feet. Sixty-five percent of the records are kept in the office and office vault, and 35 percent in the miscellaneous basement vault.

The records of the board of audit are found in the office of the clerk of the district court.

The highway engineer's office in the courthouse is on the northeast side, and is 14 x 22 feet, with four windows and two doors. Ninety-five percent of the records are kept in the office, and five percent in the miscellaneous basement vault.

The court commissioner's office is located on Bacon Street, directly across the street from the courthouse. Records are kept in the office of the clerk of the district court.



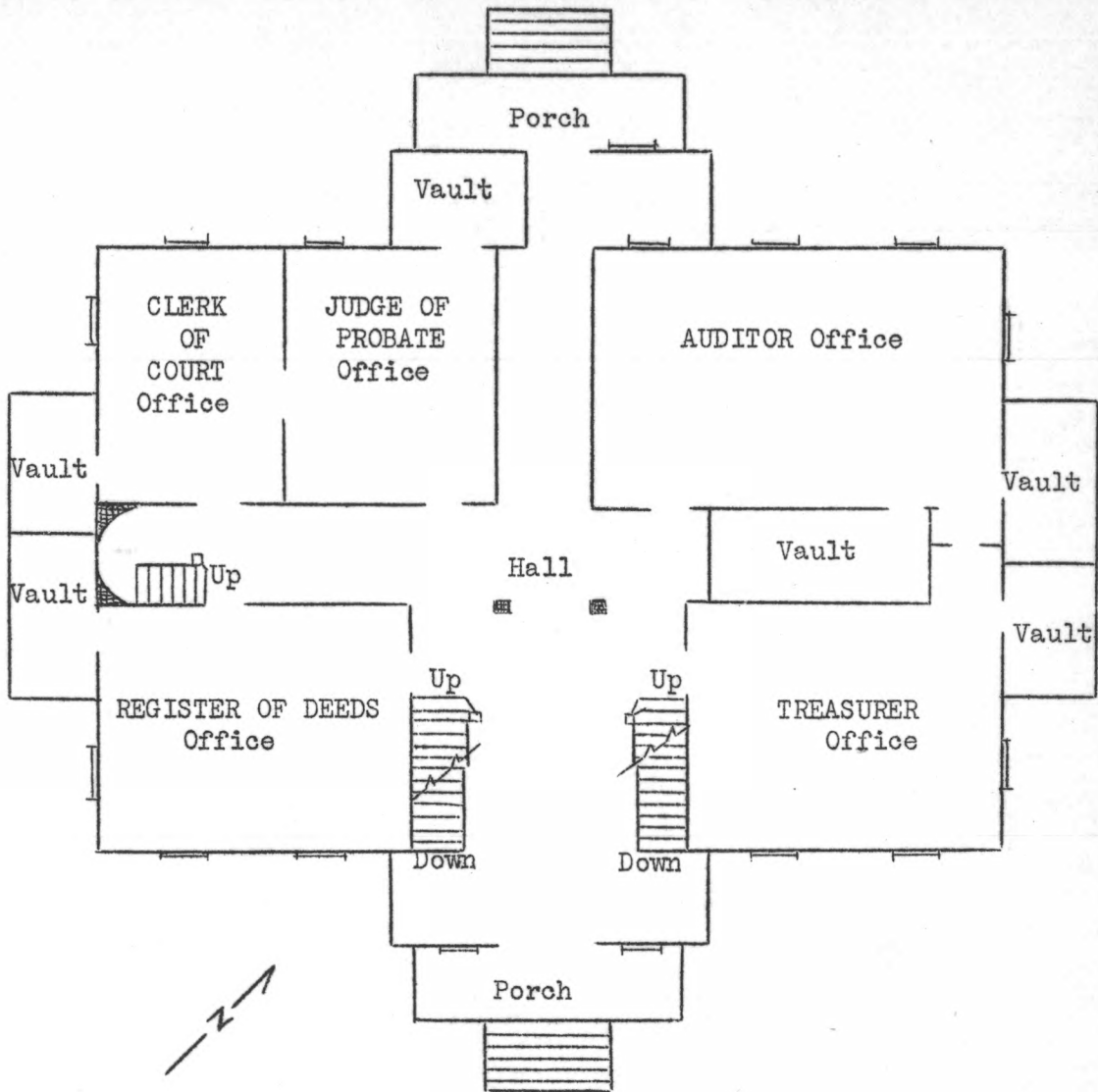
The coroner's office is located at the corner of Elm Avenue and Fourth Street in the village of Waverly, and his records are kept in his office.

The office of the superintendent of schools, where the records are kept, is located in his home in Buffalo on the corner of West Street and Grey Street East.

The office of the county welfare board is located on the corner of Butternut Avenue North and Morgan Street, Buffalo.

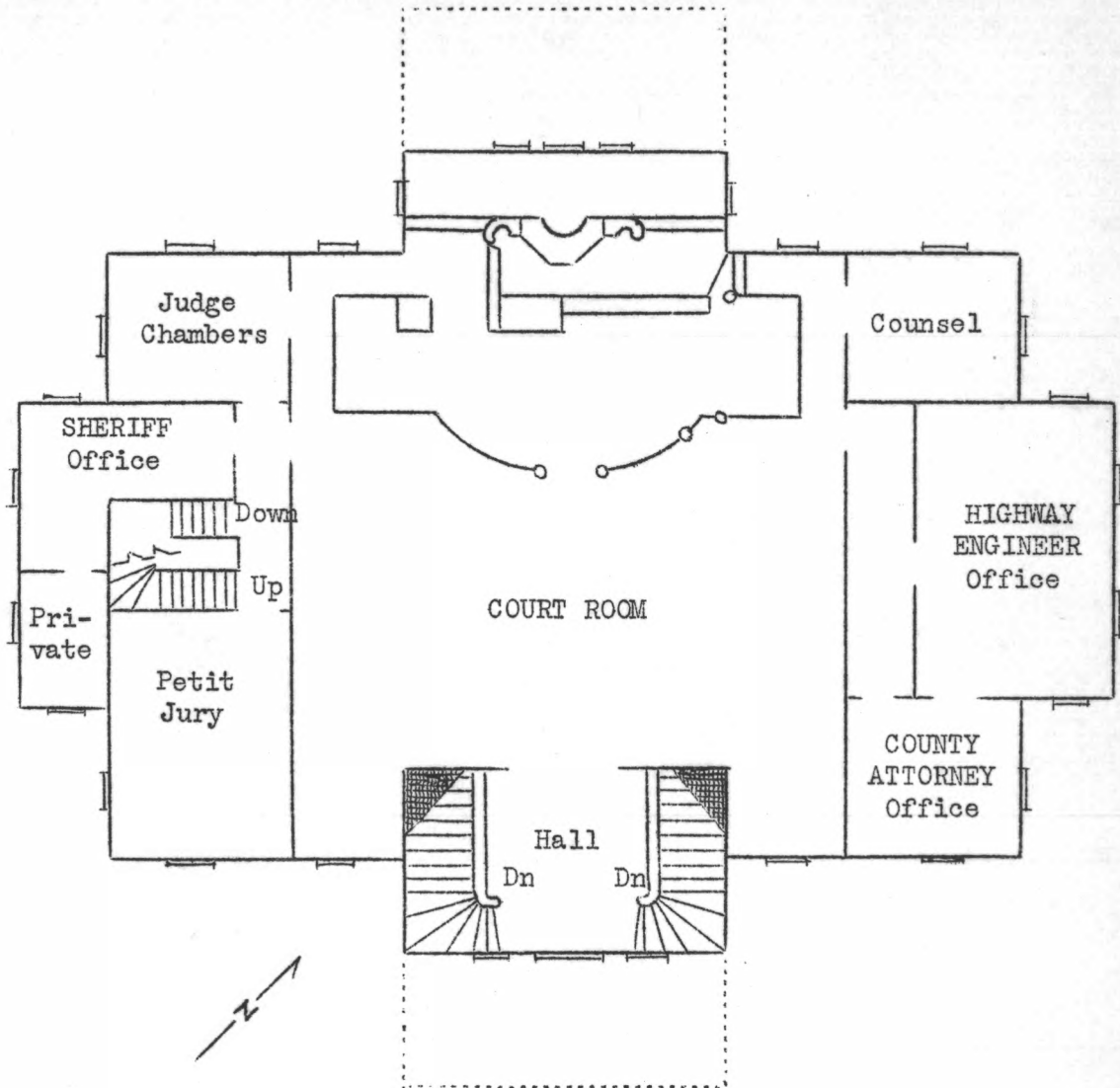
The county agricultural agent's office is located on the corner of Bacon Street West and Butternut Avenue in Buffalo. The records are kept in his office.

The miscellaneous basement vault is 7 x 24 feet, with an estimated 350 feet of wooden shelving along the walls. Records of the register of deeds, judge of probate, clerk of the district court, treasurer, and highway engineer are kept in this vault.



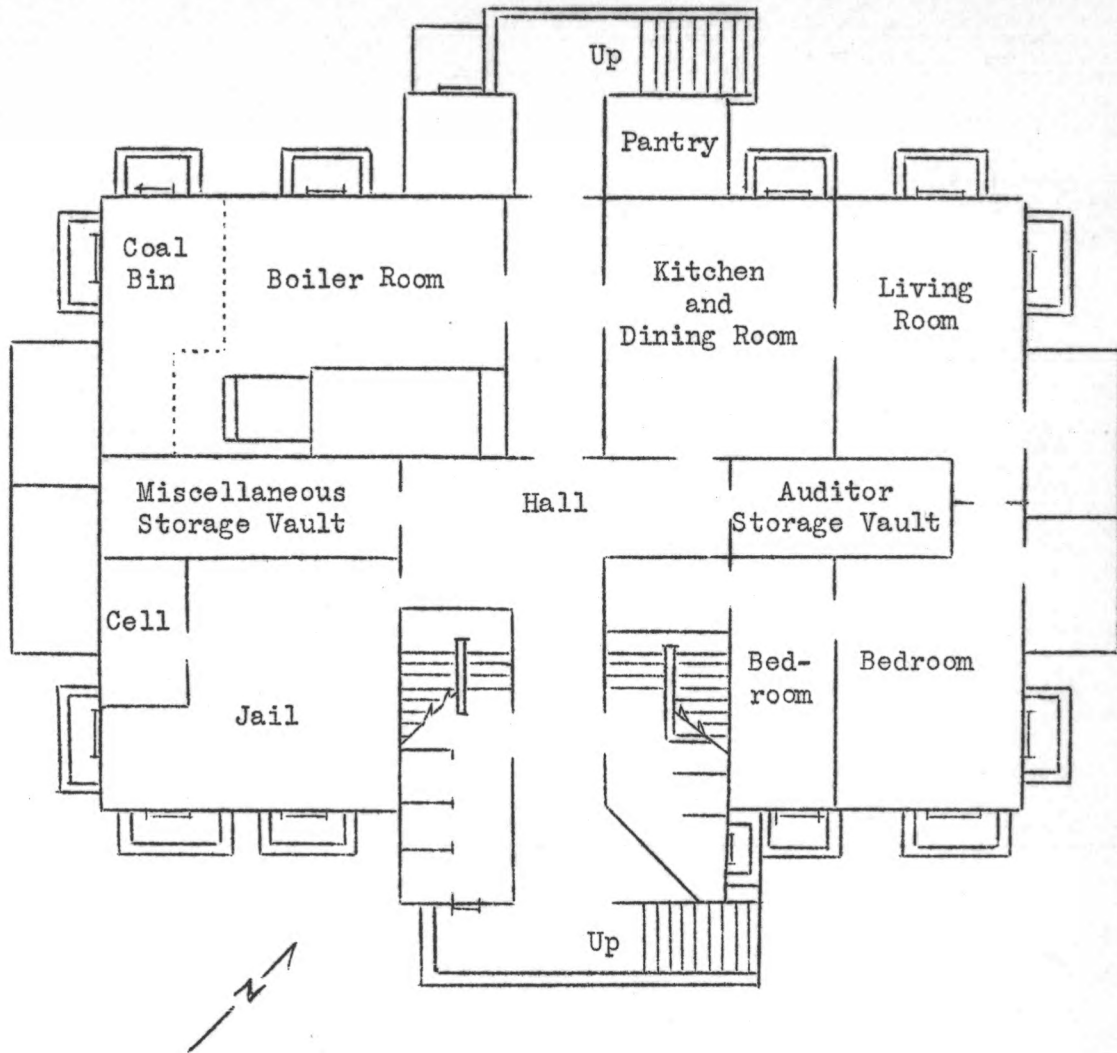
WRIGHT COUNTY COURTHOUSE

FIRST FLOOR



WRIGHT COUNTY COURTHOUSE

SECOND FLOOR



WRIGHT COUNTY COURTHOUSE

BASEMENT FLOOR



## ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

alph.	.....	alphabetical(ly)
approx.	.....	approximate(ly)
arr.	.....	arrange(d)(ment)
aver.	.....	average
bsmt.	.....	basement
ch.	.....	chapter
chron.	.....	chronological(ly)
comp.	.....	compiler
ed.	.....	editor
<u>Gen. Laws</u>	.....	General Laws
<u>ibid.</u>	.....	the same reference
<u>misc.</u>	.....	miscellaneous
n.d.	.....	no date
no.(s)	.....	number(s)
num.	.....	numerical(ly)
off.	.....	office
p., pp.	.....	page(s)
pkg.	.....	package
pr. fm.	.....	printed form
<u>Rev. Laws</u>	.....	Revised Laws
<u>Rev. Stat.</u>	.....	Revised Statutes
sec.	.....	section(s)
subch.	.....	subchapter
subd.	.....	subdivision
twp.(s)	.....	township(s)
v.	.....	volume(s)
va.	.....	vault
vol.(s)	.....	volume(s)
--.	.....	to date, as 1912--(1912 to date)
x	.....	by(in dimensions)

Exact titles of records are written in solid caps. Current titles are used as entry titles and variations in titles are indicated. In the absence of titles, descriptive titles have been assigned, which are written in solid caps and enclosed in parentheses. If a record title is not descriptive of the contents of the record, an assigned explanatory title, written with initial caps and enclosed in parentheses, has been added.

Title-line cross references are used to show the continuity of records which are kept separately for a period and in other records. Separate third-paragraph cross references from entry to entry and "see also" references with subject headings and sub-headings are used to show prior, subsequent, and related records which are not parts of the same series.

Figures or letters in parentheses, following the number of volumes or file boxes, indicate the labeling of a record. If volumes or files are unlabeled, no labeling is indicated.

When a separate index serves but one entry it follows immediately after that entry; if it serves more than one, grouped together, it precedes the group; if it serves a widely separated group then it precedes the most appropriate record entry of that group. In all cases of separate indexes a cross reference is made between the index and the entry or entries the index serves.

Measurements are given in inches unless otherwise stated. Dimensions are given for containers rather than for documents contained; for volumes and bundles they are given in sequence of height, width, and thickness; for file boxes or drawers, height, width, and depth.

A record is assumed to be in good condition unless otherwise stated. At the end of the essay describing each office will be found a general note concerning the location of its records, and except as here noted, abbreviated references to location are given in the individual record entries.

In legal citations, Laws are used for all session laws and the proper titles are used for compilations. The Revised Statutes of 1851 contained both old laws and new enactments. Mason's Minnesota Statutes, 1927, is a compilation of laws then in force, and supplements to this code have been issued to bring it to date.

Where no statement is made that the record was discontinued at the last date shown in the entry, it could not be definitely established that such was the case. Where no comment is made on the absence of prior, subsequent, or intermediate records, no definite information could be obtained.

## I. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The board of county commissioners, the chief governing authority in the county, has functioned in Wright County since the county was organized in 1855.(1) The board is composed of five members, each member being elected by the voters of his commissioner district.(2) The term is four years.(3)

Records are kept in the auditor's office vault unless otherwise indicated.

### Proceedings

1. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' RECORDS, 1855--. 12 vols. (A-L). Official proceedings of the board of county commissioners, showing date of meeting, place, members present, account of business transacted, including organization of county, moving of county seat from Monticello to Buffalo, election of officers and approval of their bonds, organization of townships, villages, and school districts, selecting jurors, road building, care of poor, construction of a courthouse, providing a poor farm and construction of buildings thereon, bridge building and appropriations made, and signatures of chairman and auditor; also includes minutes of meetings of the board of equalization. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. 1855-1918, handwritten; 1919--., typed. 400 to 640 pp.  $12\frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $16 \times 12 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ .

### General Business

2. (MISCELLANEOUS), 1875--. 20 file boxes. Reports of county board sessions, contracts let for county construction, petitions and orders for changes in school district boundaries, reports submitted by textbook agents, nominations for various appointments, birth and death certificates, and assessor's bonds. No obvious arr. No index. Handwritten, and handwritten on pr. fm.  $11 \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times 12$ .

3. STATE AND COUNTY ROAD RECORD, 1873--. 4 vols. (one unlabeled; A-C). Record of proceedings in the establishment or improvement of State and county roads, showing date, petition for road, order of hearing, appointment of committee on county road, notice of

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- (1) Laws, 1849, ch. 3, sec. 2, ch. 19, sec. 1; Gen. Laws, 1860, ch. 15, art. 1, sec. 4, art. 2; Mason's, 1927, sec. 650, 668; County Commissioners' Records, I: 1.  
 (2) Gen. Laws, 1860, ch. 15, art. 2, sec. 1-3; Mason's, 1927, 651; County Commissioners' Records, A: 161.  
 (3) Gen. Laws, 1885, ch. 6, sec. 3; Mason's, 1927, sec. 650.

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Jury Lists  
Auditor

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hearing on petition, affidavit for posting, report of committee on county road, surveyor's report, release of damages for county road, agreement as to damages, final order on county road, and auditor's notice to supervisors to open road. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 240 to 480 pp. 20 x 15 x 2½ to 17 x 15 x 3.

For claims and allowances for damages caused by construction of roads see entry 51; for county road and bridge orders see entry 52.

### Reports

4. (REPORTS), 1934--. 1 file pocket.

Reports of assignments of wages for laborers employed by local contractors working for the county, showing date, name of laborer, name of contractor, kind of work for which employed, amount of wages assigned, date filed, and signature of clerk of county board. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Handwritten. 4 x 4 x 10. Off.

5. SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS, 1880--. 10 file drawers.

School district reports, including county superintendents' reports, school changes, election of school officers, State aid reports, and clerks' reports. No obvious arr. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 4 x 4½ x 10½.

### Jury Lists

(See also entries 111, 112.)

6. LIST OF JURORS, 1927--. 5 vols. (1-5).

List of grand and petit jurors selected at the regular meeting of the county commissioners, showing commissioner district number, date of meeting, names of jurors drawn and residence of each, and a supplemental list to take the place of names drawn above in case of their inability to serve. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 120 pp. 10½ x 8 x 1½.

## II. AUDITOR

An auditor, who is clerk of the board of county commissioners and principal accounting and comptrolling officer, has functioned in Wright County since shortly after the office was



created in 1858.(4) The office is elective and the term is four years.(5)

Records are kept in the office vault unless otherwise indicated.

### Financial Accounts

#### General Accounting (See also entries 178, 179).

7. AUDITOR'S JOURNAL, 1861--. 6 vols. (two unlabeled; F, G, D, E).

Journal of accounts for various county funds, showing date recorded, debits and credits, State general fund, township taxes, total collections, county revenue, county bond interest, penalty, township revenue, township poor, township road, bonds, State loans, county ditch, courthouse, township and village, road and bridge fund, dragging, teachers' insurance and retirement fund, and sundry. Arr. alph. by name of twp., chron. by date of entry thereunder. No index. Handwritten, and handwritten on pr. fm. 400 to 480 pp. 14 x 9 x 2 to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 15 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Unlabeled vols., F, 1861-1901, bsmt. va.; G, D, E, 1902--., off. va.

8. AUDITOR'S LEDGER, 1878--. 6 vols. (A-F).

A ledger of county accounts, showing date, folio, and debit and credit amounts of county funds, including county treasurer's warrant account, taxes and penalties, road and bridge, Federal road, welfare, contingent fund, incidental fund, county bond interest fund, courthouse, refundings, State loans, school, teachers' insurance and retirement fund, law enforcement fund, current school, and general hospital. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 320 pp. 17 x 16 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Vols. A-C, 1878-92, bsmt. va.; D-F, 1893--., off. va.

9. AUDITOR'S SCHOOL DISTRICT JOURNAL, 1872--. 4 vols. (D-G).

Record of accounts with school district, showing date, district number, general fund, teaching fund, building fund, amounts, total amount, and total collections. Arr. num. by school district no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 320 to 400 pp. 17 x 15 x 2. Vols. D-F, 1872-1922, bsmt. va.; G, 1923--., off.

10. AUDITOR'S TOWN AND SCHOOL LEDGER, 1899--. 7 vols. (2-8).

Ledger of debits and credits of township and school district accounts; debits show date, warrant number, name of payee or

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- (4) Gen. Laws, 1858, ch. 75, art. 15, sec. 9; 1860, ch. 2, sec. 10; Mason's, 1927, sec. 832, 1940 supplement, sec. 832.  
 (5) Laws, 1913, ch. 458; 1915, ch. 168; Mason's, 1927, sec. 821.

treasurer, to whom delivered, refundings, and amount; credits show date, general, teaching, apportionment, State aid, and total. Arr. by twp. and by school district no., chron. by date of entry thereunder. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 240 to 260 pp. 17 x 16 x 1½ to 17½ x 18 x 2.

Collections (See also entries 180, 181).

11. AUDITOR'S COLLECTION REGISTER, 1879--. 12 vols. (six unlabeled; 3-8).

Auditor's register of collections, showing date, current year's taxes, sales and assignments, delinquent taxes, State lands, private redemption, mortgage registry tax, teachers' insurance and retirement fund, ditch tax, poor, game and fish, county revenue, road and bridge, special, and total. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 200 to 640 pp. 17 x 14 x 2 to 18 x 18 x 3. Six unlabeled vols., 3, 4, 1879-1919, bsmt. va.; 5-8, 1920--, off. va.

Public Land Collections (See also entry 182).

12. RECORD OF COLLECTIONS OF MONEY FROM SALE OF SCHOOL LANDS, 1883-1901. 2 vols. Discontinued. Auditor's Collection Register, entry 11, serves same purpose.

Record of collections of money arising from former sales of agricultural college and university lands, showing receipt number, date of receipt, certificate number, description of property, principal, interest, penalty, and total. Arr. num. by receipt no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 200 pp. 17 x 11½ x 1½. Bsmt. va.

For reports of school land sales see entry 52; for duplicates for school land collections see entry 186.

Orders and Warrants (See also entry 183).

13. AUDITOR'S WARRANT REGISTER, 1872--. 10 vols. (one unlabeled; A-I).

Register of warrants issued, showing date of issue, warrant number, in whose favor drawn, amount, date returned by treasurer, county revenue, county road and bridge, redemption fund, State tax, State land sales, refunding orders, State loan, poor, poor farm, school district number, school, township and village, county ditch, contingent fund, inheritance tax, mortgage tax, and incidental purposes. Arr. num. by warrant no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 200 to 640 pp. 21 x 18 x 2 to 20 x 22 x 3. Unlabeled vol., 1872-1900, bsmt. va.; A-I, 1901--, off. va.

14. AUDITOR'S AUXILIARY WARRANT REGISTER, 1936--. 1 vol. (A).

Register of warrants issued for old age assistance, showing case number, name of client, for month of, date issued, warrant number, amount, date returned by treasurer, total for year, cumulative

record, amount paid for prior years, and total amount paid in each case. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 120 pp. 18 x 14 x 2.

15. WARRANTS, CLAIMS, 1934--. 300 bundles (labeled by inclusive warrant nos.).

Warrants paid by the county treasurer and returned to the auditor, with claims attached as approved by the county board, showing to whom issued, date, for what purpose, signature of auditor, and filing date. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 9 x 4 x 4.

16. AUDITOR'S ORDERS, 1886-1913. 5 vols. (labeled by inclusive order nos.).

Orders issued on county funds, including school orders, State lands, for county road surveying, and labor on roads, showing amount, order number, date, to whom issued, for what purpose, and signatures of auditor and recipient. Arr. num. by order no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 125 pp. 13 x 11 x 1. Bsmt. va.

17. ROAD AND BRIDGE WARRANTS, 1919--. 43 bundles (labeled by inclusive warrant nos.).

Warrants issued for road and bridge expenditures, showing to whom issued, warrant number, date, purpose, and signature of auditor; also includes claims presented to the county board, showing claim number, date, name of claimant, and signature of board chairman. Arr. num. by warrant or claim no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 9 x 9 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Bsmt. va.

Miscellaneous Statements (See also entries 184-187).

18. (MISCELLANEOUS STATEMENTS), 1890--. 35 vols.

Duplicates of statements issued for miscellaneous collections, showing date, statement number, from whom received, for what purpose, to what fund credited, total amount, and signature of auditor. Arr. num. by statement no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 125 pp. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 11 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . 30 vols., 1890-1932, bsmt. va.; 5 vols., 1933--, off. va.

For duplicates of treasurer's receipts see entry 184.

Public Indebtedness  
(See also entry 191.)

19. BOND RECORD, 1910--. 1 vol.

Register of bonds issued by the county, showing to whom payable, amount of interest payable, number of bond, date issued, name of officer executing bond, title, to whom sold, amount, rate of interest, when due, number of coupons, when paid, interest coupons, and when paid. Arr. chron. by date of issue. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 80 pp. 15 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 11 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .



Taxes  
(See also entries 192-198.)

Assessments

20. ASSESSMENT BOOK, 1876--. 1,900 vols. (dated).

Subtitle: Name of local unit.

Record of assessments of platted and unplatted real property and personal property; real property shows name of owner, school district number, description of property, number of acres, whether homestead or not, assessor's valuation of lands, structures thereon, machinery, total value, and total assessed value as equalized by the board of review, county board, and Minnesota Tax Commission; personal property shows name of property owner, number of members in household assessed, school district number, value of taxable property, total assessed value as equalized by Minnesota Tax Commission, county board, and board of review, and assessed value of all property included in the items as returned by the assessor. Real property arr. by sections and subdivisions, and by additions, lots, and blocks; personal property arr. alph. by name of owner. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 60 pp. 9½ x 19 x 1. 1891-1931, bsmt. va.; 1876-90, 1932-- , off. va.

21. ASSESSMENT SHEETS, 1925--. 350 bundles, 30 file cases. Bundles, subtitled by name of local unit.

List of motor vehicles in the hands of dealers assessed as personal property, showing name of dealer, make of car, style, serial number, value, and remarks; also list of personal property and money and credits, showing name, address, school district number, and class of each item. No obvious arr. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. Bundles, 9 x 14 x 5; cases, 10 x 6. Bundles, 1925-33, bsmt. va.; cases, 1934-- , off.

22. ASSESSMENT OF MONEY AND CREDITS, 1928--. 350 vols. (dated). Subtitle: Name of local unit.

Tabular statement of assessments of money and credits as returned by the assessor, showing name of person, firm, or corporation assessed, post office address, listed by owners, listed by assessor, school district number, assessor's valuation of money and credits, valuation as equalized by township board, valuation as equalized by State tax commission, and remarks. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 10 pp. 8½ x 14 x ¼. 1928-33, bsmt. va.; 1934-- , off. va.

Tax Lists (See also entry 192).

23. TAX LIST, 1876-1937. 2,065 vols. (dated). Subtitle: Name of local unit.

Lists of real and personal property taxes, showing in whose name assessed, legal description of property, number of acres, valuation, general taxes, special and local one-mill tax, county ditch, total taxes, when paid, receipt number, March settlement,



June settlement, November settlement, penalty, collections to first Monday in January, delinquent on first Monday in January, ditch penalty, interest, and remarks. Real estate arr. by sections and subdivisions, and by additions and lots and blocks; personal property arr. alph. by name of owner. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 20 to 30 pp. 9 x 11½ x ½ to 10½ x 16 x 1.

For subsequent tax lists see entry 192.

### Tax Levy and Settlement

24. TAX LEVY AND SETTLEMENT RECORD, 1876--. 11 vols.  
(five unlabeled; 3, 3, 3-6).

Record of taxes levied and subsequent collections, showing tax year, name of township or village, amount of total levy, amounts of additions to levy, amounts collected, amounts abated, total collected, and balance for each settlement period until total levy is either collected or abated; each of these amounts proportionally classified under State, special State, county, special county, village and township, school district, and money and credits taxes. Arr. alph. by twp. or village, chron. by date of entry thereunder. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 170 to 400 pp. 17 x 17½ x 2 to 20 x 20 x 3. Unlabeled vols., 3, 1876-1915, bsmt. va.; 3, 3-6, 1916--, off. va.

For abstracts of settlements see entry 52.

### Taxes Voted and Officers Elected

25. (SCHOOL TAXES VOTED AND OFFICERS ELECTED), 1934--.  
3 file pockets.

Statement of school district taxes voted and officers elected or held over, showing school district number, date, names of officers, report on taxes voted, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 4 x 4 x 10. Off.

26. (TOWNSHIP AND VILLAGE OFFICERS), 1934--. 3 file pockets.

Reports by township and village clerks of officers elected and taxes voted, showing date, names of officers elected or held over, amounts of taxes voted, date filed, and signatures of village or township clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 4 x 4 x 10. Off.

### Abatements and Refunds

27. REGISTER OF ABATEMENTS AND REFUNDINGS, 1876--.  
3 vols. (one unlabeled; 1, 2).

Record of tax abatements and refunds, showing name of township or village, date, for whom and why abated, deducted, or refunded, description of property, valuation, for what year, total, State revenue, county revenue, township revenue, village revenue,

school districts, and State loan. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 150 pp.  $11\frac{1}{2}$  x 18 x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ .

For applications for abatement of taxes see entry 52.

Tax Receipts (See also entries 194-198).

28. TAX RECEIPTS, 1865-1935. 1,000 booklets, 2,815 bundles, 980 envelopes. Subtitle: Name of local unit. Duplicate receipts issued upon payment of taxes, showing date, receipt number, from whom received, amount, description of property, valuation, penalty, total, and signature of treasurer. Arr. num. by receipt no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. Booklets, 4 x 9 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; bundles, 6 x 9 x 1; envelopes, 10 x 7 x 1 to 10 x 7 x 5. 1865-66, 1900-1935, bsmt. va.; 1867-99, off. va. For subsequent tax receipts see entry 194.

29. AUDITOR'S STATEMENT OF MORTGAGE REGISTRY TAX, 1911--. 4 vols. (labeled by inclusive statement nos.). Duplicate statements of mortgage registry taxes, showing statement number, date, township, from whom received, amount, description of property encumbered, school district number, valuation, amount of mortgage, amount of tax, and signature of auditor. Arr. num. by statement no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 125 pp. 10 x 11 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . 1911-33, bsmt. va.; 1934-- , off. va. For duplicates of treasurer's receipts see entry 197.

30. STATEMENTS OF DELINQUENT TAXES, 1861--. 15 vols. (labeled by inclusive statement nos.). Duplicate statements of lands delinquent or sold to, assigned or sold by the State, showing statement number, date, amount due, description of property, year, amount of taxes, penalty, costs, interest, total, to whom delivered, and signature of auditor. Arr. num. by statement no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 250 pp. 6 x 10 x 1 to 6 x 8 x 2. 3 vols., 1861-1932, bsmt. va.; 12 vols., 1933-- , off. va.

For duplicates of treasurer's receipts see entry 195.

Delinquent Taxes (See also entry 193).

31. AUDITOR'S DELINQUENT TAXES, 1880-99. 3 vols. (B; one unlabeled; A). Record of property on which taxes are delinquent, showing date, name of owner, township, description of property, valuation, State funds, school funds, county funds, township funds, total tax, date of payment, and remarks. Arr. alph. by name of owner. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 375 pp.  $17\frac{1}{2}$  x 15 x 2. Vols. B, A, 1880-85, 1894-99, bsmt. va.; unlabeled vol., 1881-95, off. va.

Tax Judgments and Sales (See also entries 97-101).

32. COPY TAX JUDGMENT BOOK, 1872--. 16 vols. (dated). Auditor's copy of clerk of court's record of real estate tax judgments and record of sales and redemptions, showing name of owner, description of tract, number of acres, amount of tax delinquent, penalty before judgment, clerk's fees and advertising, amount of judgment, particulars of sale, certificate number, number of assignment certificate, assignment of sale, subsequent taxes paid by purchaser, notice of expiration of time of redemption, cost of notice, number of notice, redemption of sale or assignment, date, by whom assigned, amount, auditor's statement number, and number of redemption order. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 200 to 250 pp.  $17\frac{1}{2} \times 17 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $18 \times 24 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ . For delinquent tax lists see entry 52; for clerk of court's record see entry 97.
33. FORFEITED SALE RECORD, 1857--. 8 vols. Record of sale of unredeemed property, showing date, in whose name assessed or name of owner, legal description of property, name of city, village, borough, or addition, total delinquent taxes, current tax for year, total taxes, ditch and special assessments, record of sale, certificate number, notice of expiration of time to redeem, date of redemption, by whom redeemed, amount, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 60 to 320 pp.  $17\frac{1}{2} \times 14 \times 1$  to  $17 \times 15 \times 2$ . 1 vol., 1872-80, bsmt. va.; 7 vols., 1857-71, 1881--, off. va.
34. STATE ASSIGNMENT CERTIFICATES, 1896--. 5 vols. Duplicate certificates of assignment of delinquent property on which tax judgment has been entered, showing certificate number, date judgment entered in district court, date of sale, description of property, amount, to whom assigned, address, date of certificate, and signature of auditor. Arr. num. by certificate no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 250 to 300 pp.  $12 \times 9\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $14 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ . 1896-1902, bsmt. va.; 1903--, off.
35. STATEMENTS AND RECEIPTS OF TAXES PAID IN INSTALLMENTS, 1936--. 4 vols. (labeled by inclusive nos.). Duplicate statements of payments by installments for release of judgment by confession, showing statement number, date, amount, description of property, initial payment or installment, interest, total, from whom received, and signatures of auditor and treasurer. Arr. num. by statement no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 100 pp.  $11 \times 11 \times 2$ . For treasurer's triplicate receipts see entry 198.
36. CERTIFICATE OF TAX JUDGMENT SALE, 1878--. 11 vols. Duplicate certificates issued after entry of tax judgment and before sale, showing description of property, year of taxes,

certificate number, date, by whom paid, amount of judgment, and signature of auditor. Arr. chron. by date of certificate. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 250 pp. 9 x 14 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ . Bsmt. va.

### Redemptions

37. REDEMPTION LEDGER, 1880--. 5 vols. (three unlabeled; A, B).

Tabulation of redemptions made, showing date, name of person redeeming, from whom redeemed, receipt number, date of payment, date and number of tax sale certificate, year, amount paid, date of warrant, and number and amount of warrant. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of persons redeeming. Handwritten on pr. fm. 112 to 300 pp.  $14\frac{1}{2}$  x 11 x 1 to 16 x  $11\frac{1}{2}$  x 1. Unlabeled vols., A, 1880-1912, bsmt. va.; B, 1913--., off. va.

For reports on redemptions see entry 51.

38. NOTICE OF REDEMPTION EXPIRATION, 1866-1927. 9 vols.

Duplicate notices of expiration of time of redemption on tax forfeited property, showing notice number, in whose name assessed, description of property, year of tax, amount of judgment and date entered, date and amount of sale, amount of interest, date due, statement that time of redemption will expire, date issued, and signature of auditor. Arr. num. by notice no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 125 pp. 14 x 18 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ . Bsmt. va.

39. PRIVATE REDEMPTION RECEIPTS, 1900--. 6 vols.

Duplicate redemption receipts of lands sold for taxes to an actual purchaser, showing receipt number, date, from whom received, amount of judgment, name of purchaser, number of tax sale certificate, description of property, date of sale, and amount paid for redemption. Arr. num. by receipt no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 125 pp. 11 x  $9\frac{1}{2}$  x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ .

40. (EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION), 1895--. 1 vol.

Record of statements of land sold for taxes to an actual purchaser and notice of expiration of redemption; statements show number, date received and filed, name and address of person or corporation having right to title or interest, and name and residence of person or corporation upon whom notices may be served; notices of expiration of redemption shows notice number, date, amount required to redeem exclusive of costs upon notices, sheriff's fees and date returned, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 65 pp. 14 x 9 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

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Transfers

41. AUDITOR'S TRANSFER BOOK, 1878--. 13 vols.  
(B-H, H-K, T, S).

Record of transfer of property in townships and villages, showing date of transfer, names of grantor and grantee, description of property, number of acres, amount of consideration, plat, and remarks. Arr. alph. by names of twp. and village, chron. by date of entry thereunder. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 160 to 250 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Vols. B-E, 1878-95, bsmt. va.; F-H, H-K, T, S, 1896--., off. va.

Plats, Maps, and Surveys (See also entries 69-73, 228-231).

42. PLATS, 1901. 5 vols.

Surveyor's plats of townships and school districts, showing section, township, and range; also a county map and system of government survey. Arr. alph. by name of twp. No index. Handwritten, handdrawn, and typed. Condition poor. 50 to 480 pp. 15 x 15 x  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 17 x 14 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1. Off.

43. TOWNSHIP MAPS, 1927. 8 maps.

Maps of all townships of the county. Made by Campbell Abstract Co., Buffalo, Minnesota. 1" to 200'. Colored and mounted. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 4. Off.

44. FIELD BOOKS, 1910. 5 vols. (labeled by twp. and range nos.).

Field notes of surveys of Wright County, showing boundaries and meanders of townships. Arr. num. by twp. no. Indexed alph. by names of twps. Typed. 200 pp. 10 x 6 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

## Public Works

45. DITCH REPORTS (COUNTY), 1890--. 40 file drawers (1-40).

General information concerning county ditches, including statement of cost of repair, assessments made on land, engineer's reports, judgments, engineer's certificates for payment, acceptance, contracts and bonds for construction, and orders establishing specifications for construction, showing ditch number, date, name of engineer, location of ditch, description of adjoining property, names of owners, cost of construction of ditch, and list of specifications. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 4 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

46. DITCH REPORTS (JUDICIAL), 1890--. 10 file drawers (1-10).

General information concerning portions of judicial ditches which cross county lines, including statement of cost of repair, assessment made on land, engineer's report, judgment, engineer's certificate for payment, acceptance, contract and bond for construction, and order establishing specifications for construction, showing ditch number, date, location of ditch, name of engineer, description of adjoining property, names of owners, other county lines which the ditch crosses, cost of construction, and list of specifications. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 4 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

### Licenses

47. AUCTIONEERS' LICENSES, 1917--. 6 vols.

Duplicates of licenses issued to auctioneers, showing license number, name of auctioneer, terms of agreement, amount of license, fee, duration, date, and signature of auditor. Arr. num. by license no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 25 pp. 12 x 8 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

### Elections

48. (RETURNED VOTED BALLOTS), 1934--. 96 bundles.

Returns of voted ballots from each election precinct in the county in sealed envelopes, showing year of election, and name of precinct. No obvious arr. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 20 x 14 x 2. 64 bundles, 1934-36, bsmt. va.; 32 bundles, 1937--, off. va.

49. (CANDIDATES' REPORTS), 1934--. 2 file pockets.

Statements of receipts and disbursements of candidates during campaign for election, showing date, source of receipts, purpose of disbursement, from whom received or to whom paid, amount, signature of candidate, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 4 x 4 x 10. Off.

### Miscellany

50. MISCELLANEOUS RECORD, 1889--. 1 vol.

Record of claims and allowances for road damages, showing place, date, name of claimant, amount of claim, description of property, and committee approving claim; bridge appropriations, showing date, amount, and location of bridge; list of exempt property, showing date, description, and name of owner; list of missing heirs, showing by whom paid, date, for whom, amount, name of estate, date paid, and to whom paid; also includes loose-leaf

papers inserted for safekeeping. Arr. by subject, chron. by date of entry thereunder. No index. Handwritten and handwritten on pr. fm. 375 loose-leaf pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

51. (MISCELLANEOUS), 1875--. 38 file drawers. Includes old order reports, vouchers, returned mothers' pension warrants, redemption reports, and other miscellaneous material. No obvious arr. No index. Handwritten and typed. 16 x 11 x 12 to 24 x 4 x 23.

52. (MISCELLANEOUS), 1875--. 60 pockets. Includes applications for abatements of taxes, reports on school land sales, certificates of inmates in school for feeble-minded, delinquent tax lists, poor orders, reports on poor farm and buildings, abstracts of settlement of real and personal property, county road and bridge orders, wolf bounty, and monthly balance sheets. No obvious arr. No index. Handwritten and typed on pr. fm. 4 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

### III. COUNTY PRIMARY CANVASSING BOARD

The county primary canvassing board which functioned in Wright County from 1899 to 1939 was merged in the latter year with the County Canvassing Board.(6)

### IV. COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD

The county canvassing board, after 1939, is composed of the auditor, the clerk of the district court, two members of the county board, to be selected by the board from among its members who are not candidates for nomination or election to such office, and the mayor or president of the most populous municipality in the county. This board functions only after elections. The county primary canvassing board was merged with this board in 1939.(7) There are no separate records.

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- (6) Gen. Laws, 1899, ch. 349, sec. 23; 1901, ch. 216, sec. 7; Rev. Laws, 1905, sec. 198; Mason's, 1927, sec. 312, 1940 supplement, sec. 312, notes; Gen. Laws, 1939, ch. 345, part 6, ch. 11, sec. 1; Mason's, 1940 supplement, sec. 601-6(11).
- (7) Laws, 1849, ch. 21, sec. 9; Gen. Laws, 1860, ch. 18, sec. 20; 1887, ch. 4, sec. 39; 1893, ch. 4, sec. 164; Rev. Laws, 1905, sec. 319; Mason's, 1927, sec. 474; Gen. Laws, 1939, ch. 345, part 6, ch. 11, sec. 1; Mason's, 1940 supplement, sec. 601-6(11).

## V. REGISTER OF DEEDS

A register of deeds, the principal recording officer, has functioned in Wright County since its organization in 1856.(8) The office is elective and the term is four years.(9) Records are kept in the office vault unless otherwise indicated.

## Reception Books

53. NUMERICAL REGISTER OF INSTRUMENTS FILED AND RECORDED, 1887--. 6 vols. (1-6).

A numerical reception book of instruments received for recording, showing instrument number, kind of instrument, time of reception, where recorded, book and page of recording, file number, amounts of fees received, and remarks. Arr. num. by instrument no. No index. Handwritten under pr. heads. 300 to 600 pp. 14 x 10 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 18 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 3.

## General Indexes

54. GENERAL INDEX, GRANTOR, 1855--. 21 vols. (1-21).

Serves Deed Record, entry 59, Mortgage Record, entry 60, Satisfactions, entry 61, Assignment Record, entry 62, showing date, names of grantor and grantee, description of property, to whom delivered after record, fees received, book and page of record, and kind of instrument. Arr. alph. by name of grantor. Handwritten under pr. heads. 320 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Vols. 1-16, 1855-1913, bsmt. va.; 17-21, 1914--., off. va.

55. GENERAL INDEX, GRANTEE, 1855--. 21 vols. (1-21).

Serves Deed Record, entry 59, Mortgage Record, entry 60, Satisfactions, entry 61, Assignment Record, entry 62, showing date, names of grantee and grantor, description of property, to whom delivered after record, fees received, book and page of record, and kind of instrument. Arr. alph. by name of grantee. Handwritten under pr. heads. 320 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Vols. 1-16, 1855-1913, bsmt. va.; 17-21, 1914--., off. va.

56. GRANTOR'S INDEX OF INSTRUMENTS, 1916--. 1 vol. (A).

Serves only in part Deed Record, entry 59, Mortgage Record, entry 60, Assignment Record, entry 62, Lien Record, entry 64, showing names of grantor and grantee, date of registration, number of instrument, register number, kind of instrument, and description of property. Arr. alph. by name of grantor. Handwritten on pr. fm. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

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(8) Laws, 1849, ch. 21; Mason's, 1927, sec. 875-904-2; County Commissioners' Records, 1:1.

(9) Laws, 1913, ch. 458; 1915, ch. 168; Mason's, 1927, sec. 821.



57. GRANTEE'S INDEX OF INSTRUMENTS, 1916--. 1 vol. (A). Serves only in part Deed Record, entry 59, Mortgage Record, entry 60, Assignment Record, entry 62, Lien Record, entry 64, showing names of grantee and grantor, date of registration, number of instrument, register number, kind of instrument, and description of property. Arr. alph. by name of grantee. Handwritten on pr. fm. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ .

## Real Estate

### Deeds

58. ABSTRACT OF LAND ENTRIES, 1856-78. 3 vols. Abstracts of St. Cloud and Litchfield territory, showing township, range, description of property, date of entry, number of acres, by whom entered or purchased, and how and from whom entered or purchased. Arr. alph. by name of twp. No index. 1856-61, condition poor. Handwritten on pr. fm. 50 to 315 pp. 17 x  $11\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $15\frac{1}{2}$  x 11 x 1.

59. DEED RECORD, 1855--. 147 vols. (A-Z; 1-121). Record of copies of deeds, including warranty, quitclaim, and trust deeds, showing date of deed, names of grantee and grantor, consideration, legal description of property, signatures of witnesses and principals, and official seal; also includes judgments, decrees of distribution, mortgage foreclosures, sheriff's certificates, executors' and administrators' deeds, cemetery deeds, and final certificates. Arr. chron. by date of entry. For indexes see entries 54, 55; for partial index, 1916--, see entries 56, 57. Vols. A-Z, 1-25, handwritten; 26-121, handwritten on pr. fm. 480 to 640 pp. 14 x  $9\frac{1}{2}$  x  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 18 x  $12\frac{1}{2}$  x 3.

### Mortgages

60. MORTGAGE RECORD, 1857--. 101 vols. (A-Z; 1-75). Copies of mortgages filed, showing instrument number, date of mortgage, names of mortgagee and mortgagor, description of property, amount of mortgage, rate of interest, terms of contract, signatures of mortgagee and witnesses, date filed, and seal of notary public; also includes satisfactions, mortgage deeds, notices of lis pendens, and assignments. Arr. chron. by date of entry. For indexes see entries 54, 55; for partial index, 1916--, see entries 56, 57. Vols. A-C, handwritten; D-Z, 1-75, handwritten on pr. fm. 645 pp. 9 x 12 x 2 to 18 x  $12\frac{1}{2}$  x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ . For Sheriff's Mortgage Foreclosure Record see entry 174.

61. SATISFACTIONS, 1879--. 40 vols. (A-Z; 1-14). Copies of satisfactions of mortgages, showing instrument number, filing date, date and amount of satisfaction, statement of satisfaction, names of parties, description of land, book and page of

record, and signatures of parties and notary public. Arr. chron. by date filed. For indexes see entries 54, 55. Handwritten and handwritten on pr. fm. 640 pp.  $18\frac{1}{2}$  x  $13\frac{1}{2}$  x 3.

62. ASSIGNMENT RECORD, 1880--. 11 vols. (A-K). Copies of assignments of mortgages, showing date filed, instrument number, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, amount of consideration, statement of assignment, date of instrument, signatures of mortgagor and mortgagee, and notarization. Arr. chron. by date filed. For indexes see entries 54, 55; for partial indexes, 1916--, see entries 56, 57. Handwritten on pr. fm. 498 to 640 pp.  $14\frac{1}{2}$  x 10 x 3 to 18 x 13 x 3.

### Foreclosures

63. EXECUTION RECORD, 1884-85. 1 vol. Record of notices of foreclosure sales served by the sheriff, including sale notices pasted in, showing date, amount of sale, instrument number, time of recording, and signature of register of deeds. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 288 pp. 14 x  $9\frac{1}{2}$  x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ .

### Liens

64. LIEN RECORD, 1857--. 5 vols. (A-E). Record of liens for materials and labor, showing instrument number, filing date, nature of claim, name of claimant, name of owner, description of property, amount of claim, where recorded, remarks, and to whom delivered. Arr. chron. by date of entry. For indexes see entries 54-57. Handwritten on pr. fm. 250 to 480 pp. 13 x 9 x 2 to 18 x 13 x 2.

### Title Registration (See also entry 102).

65. REGISTRATION OF TITLES (TORRENS SYSTEM), 1910--. 1 vol. (A). Record of land registration under Torrens title, showing instrument number, kind of instrument, time of reception, where recorded, certificate number, from whom received, fees, registrar's proportion of fees, county's proportion of fees, assurance fund, date of payment to treasurer, and number of treasurer's receipt; also includes memorials of estates of land described in certificate of title, showing document number, kind of instrument, date of registration, date of instrument, amount, in whose favor, and signature of register. Arr. num. by certificate no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 320 pp.  $17\frac{1}{2}$  x 15 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ .

### Abstracts

66. ABSTRACT OF TITLE, 1863-79. 1 vol. (A). Guide to ownership of property, showing entry number, reference number, folio continued, number of transfers, names of grantor

and grantee, kind of instrument, amount of consideration, description of property, date of instrument, date of acknowledgment, date of filing, where recorded, mortgage conditions, number of notes, interest, time of notices, for what, how foreclosed, plat, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 225 pp.  $17\frac{1}{2}$  x 15 x 2. Bsmt. va.

### Tract Indexes

67. TRACT INDEX (LANDS), 1879--. 5 vols. (labeled by range nos.).

Guide to location and ownership of property, showing section number, legal description of property, township, name of owner, book and page of record, instrument number, and remarks. Arr. num. by section no. Indexed alph. by names of twps. Handwritten on pr. fm. 500 pp.  $18$  x  $13\frac{1}{2}$  x 3.

68. TRACT INDEX (LOTS), 1879--. 2 vols.

Guide to location and ownership of blocks and lots in villages, cities, and additions, showing block and lot numbers, name of village, city, or addition, instrument number, type of instrument, and book and page of recording. Arr. irregularly by name of village, city, or addition. Indexed alph. by names of villages, cities, and additions. Handwritten on pr. fm. 468 to 590 pp.  $18$  x  $12$  x  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to  $18$  x  $13\frac{1}{2}$  x 3.

### Plats, Maps, and Surveys (See also entries 42-44, 228-231).

69. PLAT BOOK, 1856. 1 vol. (A).

Plats of villages and additions, and cemeteries; plats of villages and additions show avenues, streets, section lines, roads, railroads, and lakes; plats of cemeteries show lots, main alleys, cross alleys, and lanes; plats also show certification of notary public, surveyor, and register of deeds, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by names of villages, additions, and cemeteries. Handwritten and handdrawn. 50 pp.  $37$  x  $32$  x 2. Off.

70. TOWNSHIP PLATS, 1856--. 2 vols.

Plats of townships, showing plat number, description of property, names of owners, certification of county surveyor, date of survey, and signature of county surveyor. Arr. chron. by date of survey. No index. Handwritten and handdrawn. Condition of binding and paper poor. 230 to 300 pp.  $18\frac{1}{2}$  x  $16\frac{1}{2}$  x 1 to  $19$  x  $27$  x 2. Off.

71. (PLATS OF BUFFALO VILLAGE), 1857-1901. 1 vol.

Plats of the village of Buffalo, showing additions, surveys, signatures of surveyors, and date of survey. Arr. chron. by date of survey. No index. Handwritten and handdrawn. 21 pp.  $30$  x  $22$  x 2. Off.

72. (MAPS OF VILLAGES AND TOWNSHIPS), 1927. 8 maps. Maps of villages and townships of Wright County, showing boundaries of townships, villages, railroads, roads, lakes, and rivers. Made by Campbell Abstract Co., Buffalo, Minnesota. 1" - 200'. No obvious arr. Indexed alph. by names of villages. Colored and mounted. 41 x 60. Off.

73. PLATS, 1856-1900. 20 loose plats in rolls, 2 boxes. Original plats of villages and additions, showing sections, blocks, streets, alleys, railroads, parks, streams, boundaries, and certification of register of deeds. No obvious arr. No index. Handwritten and handdrawn. Condition poor. Rolls, 20 x 11; boxes, 36 x 12 x 12.

### Personal Property

74. TOWNSHIP AND VILLAGE CHATTELS, 1900-1913. 5 bundles. Chattel mortgages previously filed with township and village clerks, showing names of payer and payee, amount, statement or terms of mortgage, date, signatures of witnesses and notary, instrument number, kind of instrument, and signatures of principals. No obvious arr. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 8 x 8 x 9. Bsmt. va.

For subsequent records see entry 79.

75. NUMERICAL REGISTER, CHATTEL MORTGAGES, 1913--. 3 vols. (A-C). Numerical register of chattel mortgages received for recording, showing instrument number, time of filing, names of mortgagor, vendor or debtor, and mortgagee, vendee, or creditor, and kind of instrument. Arr. num. by instrument no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 480 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

76. INDEX TO CHATTEL MORTGAGES, MORTGAGOR, 1913--. 4 vols. (1-4). Serves Chattel Mortgage Contract, Sales, and Lien Record, entry 78, Chattel Mortgages and Encumbrances on Personal Property, entry 79, showing instrument number, date of filing, names of mortgagor, vendor, debtor, or conditional vendee, and mortgagee, vendee, creditor, or conditional vendor, residence, amount secured, character of instrument, nature of property mortgaged, date of instrument, when due, amount, when satisfied, and to whom delivered. Arr. alph. by name of mortgagor. Handwritten under pr. heads. 320 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. Vol. 1, 1913-20, off. va.; 2-4, 1921--, off.

77. INDEX TO CHATTEL MORTGAGES, MORTGAGEE, 1913--. 4 vols. (1-4). Serves Chattel Mortgage Contract, Sale, and Lien Record, entry 78, Chattel Mortgages and Encumbrances on Personal Property, entry 79, showing instrument number, date of filing, names of



mortgagee, vendee, creditor, or conditional vendor, and mortgagor, vendor, debtor, or conditional vendee, residence, amount secured, character of instrument, nature of property mortgaged, date of instrument, when due, amount, when satisfied, and to whom delivered. Arr. alph. by name of mortgagee. Handwritten under pr. heads. 320 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. Vol. 1, 1913-20, off. va.; 2-4, 1921--, off.

78. CHATTEL MORTGAGE CONTRACT, SALE, AND LIEN RECORD, 1913--. 3 vols. (lettered).

Register of contracts, sales, and liens, showing instrument number, date of filing, names of mortgagor, vendor, debtor, or conditional vendee, and mortgagee, vendee, creditor, or conditional vendor, township, kind of instrument, nature of property mortgaged, when due, amount, assignment, and to whom delivered. Arr. alph. by name of mortgagor. For indexes see entries 76, 77. Handwritten on pr. fm. 600 pp. 17 x 19 x 3. Off.

79. CHATTEL MORTGAGES AND ENCUMBRANCES ON PERSONAL PROPERTY, 1913--. 49 file drawers (labeled by inclusive instrument nos.).

Instruments filed relative to chattel mortgages and encumbrances on personal property, including conditional sale contracts, chattel notes, chattel mortgages, bills of sale, farm leases, satisfactions, crop mortgages, seed lien, and threshers' liens, showing instrument number, date received and filed, names of mortgagee, vendee, or creditor, mortgagor, vendor, or debtor, kind of instrument, date of instrument, amount, terms of contract, and signatures of principals and witnesses. Arr. num. by instrument no. For indexes see entries 76, 77. Handwritten on pr. fm. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 5 x 13. Off.

For prior records see entry 74.

### Special Instruments

80. MISCELLANEOUS RECORD, 1855--. 23 vols. (B-X).

Record of miscellaneous instruments, including census of Wright County for 1855, official bonds and oaths of county officers and township and village treasurers (1901--), estray notices, cattle marks, constitution of the agricultural society, wills and testaments, proof of wills, letters of administration, commissioners' certificates, assignments of bankrupt's effects, chattel mortgages, articles of incorporation, final decrees, contracts for deeds, orders appointing appraisers, death certificates, letters of guardianship, orders for licenses to sell real estate, sheriff's report of sale, affidavits, and assessment rolls. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Handwritten,

and handwritten on pr. fm. 350 to 640 pp.  $8\frac{1}{2}$  x  $12\frac{1}{2}$  x 2 to  $18\frac{1}{2}$  x  $13\frac{1}{2}$  x 8. Vols. B-D, 1855-85, bsmt. va.; E-X, 1886--, off. va.

For prior estray notices see entry 84; for subsequent bond records see entry 85; for bond records of other township and village officers see entry 140; for bonds and oaths of register of deeds see entry 141.

81. POWER OF ATTORNEY, 1899--. 4 vols. (one unlabeled; G-I).

Record of power of attorney granted by one person to another, showing instrument number, date of filing, names of contracting parties, authorization, and signatures of parties and register of deeds. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 400 pp.  $16\frac{1}{2}$  x 12 x 2.

### Military Discharges

82. SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' DISCHARGES, 1919--. 1 vol. (1).

Record of honorable discharge from the United States Army and Navy, showing name, number, branch of service, reason for discharge, age at enlistment, occupation, physical description, record of service, enlistment record, date of discharge, where issued, and date filed and recorded; volume is divided, one half for soldiers' discharges, and the other for sailors' discharges. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by names of soldiers and sailors. Handwritten on pr. fm. 880 pp.  $17\frac{1}{2}$  x  $15\frac{1}{2}$  x 2.

### Miscellaneous Registrations

83. FARM NAMES REGISTER, 1910--. 1 vol. (1).

Registration of farm names, showing instrument number, name of owner, name of farm, filing date, description of farm, signatures of witnesses and owner, and notary seal. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of farms. Handwritten on pr. fm. 240 pp.  $18\frac{1}{2}$  x 13 x 2.

84. ESTRAY RECORD, 1874-1916. 1 vol.

Copies of notices relating to estrayed livestock, showing file number, date, description of animal, name of finder, address, and date of filing. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 540 pp. 14 x 9 x 2.

For subsequent records see entry 80.

### Bonds and Oaths

85. BOND RECORD, 1857-1900. 7 vols. (A-G).

Record of administrators' bonds, executors' bonds, official bonds of township and village officers, and bonds for deeds,

Register of Deeds - Miscellany; Fees  
Clerk of the District Court

(86-87)

showing instrument number, filing date, names of principal and sureties, sum involved, condition, signature of register of deeds, oath of office, and approval by county board. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 440 to 480 pp. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 8 x 1 to 16 x 12 x 2. Vol. A, 1857-70, bsmt. va.; B-G, 1871-1900, off. va.

For subsequent records see entry 80.

### Miscellany

86. AUTO LICENSE APPLICATIONS, 1919-21. 1 telescope.

Discontinued. 1922--, kept by Secretary of State.

Applications for auto licenses, showing number, date, name of applicant, description, registration number, make of car, motor number, serial number, model, type, and owner's signature. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 24 x 12 x 9. Bsmt. va.

### Fees

87. FEE BOOK, 1890--. 3 vols. (A-C).

Record of fees collected by the register of deeds, showing date, amounts of fees collected, kind of instrument, including mortgages, assignment of mortgages, satisfaction of mortgages, warranty deeds, quitclaim deeds, partial release, patents, administrator's deed, certificate of mortgage sale, certificate of execution sale, certificate of redemption, decree of descent, lis pendens affidavit, conditional deed, liens, plats, instruments filed, letters of guardianship, license to sell lands, order confirming sale, final decrees, wills, writs of attachment, release on margin, official bond, miscellaneous, and total amount. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 240 pp. 16 x 17 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

## VI. CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

A clerk of the district court has functioned in Wright County since the first term of the district court in 1856. The office is elective and the term is four years.(10)

Records are kept in the office vault unless otherwise indicated.

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(10) 9 Stat., ch. 121, sec. 9; Constitution of the State of Minnesota, art. 6, sec. 13; Criminal Actions file, Case No. 1 (see entry 95).

## Minutes

88. COURT MINUTES, 1858--. 14 vols. (A-N).  
Minutes of proceedings of cases heard during each term of court, showing place, date, names of judge, sheriff, county attorney, clerk of court, clerks, reporter, and bailiff, cause for trial, and an account of all actions taken by the court. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Handwritten. 512 to 672 pp. 13 x 9 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 13 x  $16\frac{1}{2}$  x 3. Vols. A-H, 1858-1910, bsmt. va.; I-N, 1911--., off. va.

## Calendars

89. CIVIL AND CRIMINAL COURT CALENDAR, 1922--. 7 vols. (G-M).  
Calendar of civil and criminal cases; civil calendar shows term, names of judge, sheriff, and clerk, calendar number, case number, names of parties, issue, date of issue, names of attorneys, clerk's notes, and judge's notes; criminal calendar shows calendar number, case number, title of case, charge, indictment, attorney's, clerk's, and judge's notes. Arr. num. by calendar no. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Handwritten on pr. fm. 320 pp.  $16\frac{1}{2}$  x 12 x 2.

90. COURT CALENDAR, 1908--. 60 vols.  
Court calendar of cases to be tried in district court, showing list of petit jurors, list of grand jurors (if any), names of judge and attorney, case number, calendar number, date, and term of court. Arr. chron. by date of case. No index. Printed. 25 pp. 9 x 4 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Off.

91. SPECIAL CIVIL COURT CALENDAR, DISTRICT COURT, 18th District, 1898-1934. 1 vol.  
Special court calendar, showing judge's name, sheriff's name, clerk's name, case number, names of parties, issue, date of issue, names of attorneys, clerk's notes, and judge's notes. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 161 pp.  $15\frac{1}{2}$  x 12 x 2.

## Indexes

92. PLAINTIFF'S AND DEFENDANT'S INDEX TO COURT RECORDS, 1860-85. 1 vol.  
Serves Civil Actions, entry 95, Register of Civil Actions, entry 96, Criminal Actions, entry 103, Criminal Register, entry 104, showing case number, names of plaintiff and defendant, kind of action, term commenced, book and page of record, term disposed of, date of judgment, book and page of execution directory, amount of judgment, book and page of fee book, book and page of



fee book, book and page of register of actions, and date satisfied. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Handwritten on pr. fm. 250 pp. 13 x 18 x 3.

For subsequent records see entries 93, 94.

93. PLAINTIFF'S INDEX TO COURT RECORDS, 1885--. 3 vols. (B-D).

Serves Civil Actions, entry 95, Register of Civil Actions, entry 96, Criminal Register, entry 103, showing case number, names of plaintiff and defendant, kind of action, term commenced, book and page of record, term disposed of, date of judgment, book and page of execution directory, amount of judgment, book and page of fee book, book and page of register of actions, and date satisfied. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. Handwritten on pr. fm. 250 pp. 13 x 18 x 3.

For prior records see entry 92.

94. DEFENDANT'S INDEX TO COURT RECORDS, 1885--. 3 vols. (B-D).

Serves Civil Actions, entry 95, Register of Civil Actions, entry 96, Criminal Actions, entry 103, Criminal Register, entry 104, showing case number, names of defendant and plaintiff, kind of action, term commenced, book and page of record, term disposed of, date of judgment, book and page of execution directory, amount of judgment, book and page of fee book, book and page of register of actions, and date satisfied. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. Handwritten on pr. fm. 250 pp. 13 x 18 x 3.

For prior records see entry 92.

## Civil Actions

### Case Files

95. CIVIL ACTIONS, 1856--. 101 bundles, 183 file drawers (labeled by inclusive case nos.).

Instruments filed in connection with civil cases heard in district court, including summonses, complaints, answers, notices of appeal, claims, notice of issue, demurrers, stipulations, jury lists, transcripts, notices of taxation for costs, verdicts, court orders, and motions for new trial; in envelopes, showing name of case and number. Arr. num. by case no. 1856-59, no index; 1860--., for indexes see entries 92-94. Handwritten on pr. fm. Bundles, 10 x 4 x 12; drawers, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Bundles, bsmt. va.; drawers, off. va.

For court reporter's shorthand notes of testimony see entry 149.

Registers

96. REGISTER OF CIVIL ACTIONS, 1856--. 16 vols. (one unlabeled; A, B, A-M).

Registration of instruments filed in civil cases, showing term, names of judge, sheriff, and clerk, case number, names of parties concerned, issue, date of issue, attorney's, clerk's, and judge's notes, title of case, memoranda of filings, memoranda of orders, items, items of clerk's fees, date of payment, and date of judgment. Arr. chron. by date of entry. 1856-59, no index; 1860--, for indexes see entries 92-94. 1856-71, handwritten; 1872--, handwritten on pr. fm. 1856-66, condition poor. 230 to 550 pp. 12 x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1 to 19 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . 9 vols., 1856-1922, bsmt. va.; 7 vols., 1923--, off. va.

Tax Judgments, Delinquencies and Warrants (See also entries 32-40).

97. TAX JUDGMENT BOOK, 1873--. 14 vols. (dated). Title varies: Tax Judgment Real Estate, 1873-98, 8 vols.

Record of judgments against property for delinquent taxes, showing name of owner, description of property, years of delinquency, amount of taxes delinquent, penalty before judgment, clerk's fees and advertising, amount of judgment, number of certificate of sale, date of certificate, to whom sold, amount of sale, date, and signature of clerk of court. Arr. alph. by twp., chron. by date of entry thereunder. No index. Handwritten under pr. heads. 160 to 250 pp. 17 x 15 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . 8 vols., 1873-98, bsmt. va.; 6 vols., 1899--, off. va.

For auditor's copy see entry 32.

98. FORFEITED REAL ESTATE TAX JUDGMENT BOOK, 1871-1914. 4 vols. (dated).

Record of real estate surrendered after tax judgment, showing name of owner, years taxes delinquent, legal description of property, number of acres, amount of taxes, amount of interest, clerk's fees and advertising, amount of judgment, and disposition. Arr. alph. by twp., chron. by date of entry thereunder. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 20 to 80 pp. 17 x 14 x  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 18 x 12 x 1. Bsmt. va.

99. PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX JUDGMENT RECORD, 1879-1909, 1932--. 2 vols. (A, A).

Record of unpaid personal property taxes for which judgment has been entered, showing name of defendant, date, amount of tax, penalty, costs, amount of judgment, date filed, case number, and signatures of clerk of court and deputy. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Handwritten on pr. fm. 240 pp. 16 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

For sheriff's collection register see entry 175.

## 100. DELINQUENT TAX LISTS, 1870--. 70 rolls.

Local newspapers containing delinquent tax lists of real property for Wright County, showing date, township, range, name of owner, description of property, total tax, and penalty. No obvious arr. No index. Printed. 2 x 12 to 5 x 12. Bsmt. va.

## 101. (TAX WARRANTS), 1870--. 65 bundles.

Warrants issued to sheriff to collect delinquent personal property taxes, showing name of owner, address, penalty, date, and signature of clerk. No obvious arr. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. Condition fair. 7 x 8 x 4. Bsmt. va.

For sheriff's personal property tax collection register see entry 175.

Land Registration (See also entry 65).

## 102. LAND REGISTRATION, 1909--. 4 vols. (one unlabeled; A, A, B).

Registration of instruments filed in land registration cases, showing date, applicant's name, description of land, parties claiming rights, dates application filed and fee paid, order made, abstract filed, report of examiner, order of issuance of summons, clerk's certificate, and affidavits filed; district court applications show petition, order filing date, affidavits, notice dates, and signature of notary public. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Handwritten, and handwritten on pr. fm. 147 to 320 pp. 11 x 16 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

## Criminal Actions

Case Files

## 103. CRIMINAL ACTIONS, 1858--. 19 bundles, 23 file drawers (labeled by case nos.).

Instruments filed in connection with criminal cases heard in district court, including indictments, court orders, judgment rolls, warrants, confession, defendant's petition to plead guilty, commitments, bonds after indictments, complaints, petitions, and affidavits, and return of criminal examination; in envelopes, showing name of case, and case number. Arr. num. by case no. 1858-59, no index; 1860--. for indexes see entries 92-94. Handwritten and typed on pr. fm. Bundles, 9 x 4 x 12; drawers, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Bundles, bsmt. va.; drawers, off. va.

For register of bonds accepted in criminal cases see entry 143; for court reporter's shorthand notes see entry 149.

Registers

104. CRIMINAL REGISTER, 1858--. 3 vols. (one unlabeled; B, C).

Record of actions filed in criminal cases, showing calendar number, name of defendant, preliminary hearing, name of justice, township, whether on bail or custody, and date transcript filed, indictment, nature of crime, when filed and recorded, and arraignment, plea, date of trial, verdict, sentence, date commitment issued, date recorded, book and page of record, and remarks. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. 1858-59, no index; 1860--, for indexes see entries 92-94. Handwritten on pr. fm. 98 to 160 pp. 15 x 17 x 1 to 15 x 17 x 1½.

For register of bonds accepted in criminal cases see entry 143; for county attorney's register of criminal actions see entry 177.

Information Record

105. RECORD OF CRIMINAL INFORMATION, 1921--. 1 vol. (1). Statement of information against an alleged criminal, showing names of defendant and plaintiff, nature of information, date filed, name of attorney, an account of the alleged crime, and certificate of clerk of court. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 478 pp. 12 x 16 x 2½.

Indictment Records

106. INDICTMENT RECORD, 1864--. 3 vols. (A-C). Copies of indictments returned by the grand jury, showing names of defendant and plaintiff, nature of crime, names of witnesses examined before the grand jury, signatures of clerk and foreman of the jury, date filed, date, place, and manner in which crime was committed, date of accusation, and seal of clerk of court. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Handwritten, and handwritten on pr. fm. 280 to 478 pp. 16 x 12 x 1½ to 18 x 13 x 2. Vol. A, 1864-90, bsmt. va.; B, C, 1891--, off. va.

Judgments

107. JUDGMENT BOOK, 1858--. 8 vols. (A-H). Copies of judgments rendered in court cases, showing names of defendant and plaintiff, account of the case, claims made, action taken, order for judgment, name of judge, date, signature of clerk of court, seal of court, and date filed. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. No index. Handwritten and typed. 598 to 640 pp. 17 x 12 x 2½ to 12 x 16 x 3. Vols. A, B, 1858-1902, bsmt. va.; C-H, 1903--, off. va.



108. DEFAULT JUDGMENT, 1877--. 5 vols. (one unlabeled; B-E).

Record of default of judgments, showing date, names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of claim, costs and disbursements, total judgment, date filed, and items of fees. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Handwritten on pr. fm. 300 to 640 pp. 16 x 11 x 1½ to 12 x 16 x 3. Unlabeled vol., B-C, 1877-1915, bsmt. va.; D, E, 1916--, off. va.

109. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1858--. 7 vols. (one unlabeled; A-F).

Register of judgments entered in district court, showing names of judgment debtor and judgment creditor, case number, term of court, date of judgment, date of docketing, amount of judgment, attorney for creditor, date execution issued, extended, and returned, amount applied on judgment, additional costs, date judgment satisfied, date judgment outlawed, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of judgment. Indexed alph. by names of judgment debtors. Handwritten on pr. fm. 239 to 480 pp. 13½ x 9 x 1 to 17½ x 15 x 2½. Unlabeled vol., A-D, 1858-1925, bsmt. va.; E, F, 1926--, off. va.

110. ASSIGNMENT AND SATISFACTION OF JUDGMENT, 1880-93. 1 vol.

Record of assignments and satisfactions of judgments, showing date, names of plaintiff and defendant, statement of assignment or satisfaction, filing date, and signature of clerk of the district court. Arr. chron. by filing date. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Handwritten on pr. fm. 300 pp. 16 x 11½ x 1½. Bsmt. va.

Jurors and Witnesses  
(See also entry 6.)

111. WITNESSES CERTIFICATES, 1926--. 5 vols. (labeled by inclusive certificate nos.).

Duplicates of certificates issued to witnesses, showing certificate number, term of court, date, clerk's name, name of bailiff or juror, amount paid, and signatures of clerk of court and deputy clerk. Arr. num. by certificate no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 250 to 330 pp. 16½ x 11 x 1 to 12 x 9 x 1½.

112. COURT CERTIFICATES, 1932--. 1 vol. (labeled by inclusive certificate nos.).

Duplicates of certificates issued by clerk to persons who have served as jurors and witnesses, showing certificate number, date, to whom issued, purpose, amount, and signature of clerk of court. Arr. num. by certificate no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 127 pp. 16 x 11 x 1.

## Coroner's Records

## 113. CORONER'S RECORD, 1887--. 2 vols. (A, B).

Record of coroner's inquests held in cases of death where violence is suspected, showing date, name of deceased, name of coroner, date certificate filed, file number, names of witnesses and jurors, and verdict of jury. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of decedents. Handwritten on pr. fm. 296 and 320 pp. 16 x 11 x 1½ and 16½ x 11½ x 1½. Vol. A, 1887-1920, bsmt. va.; B, 1921--, off. va.

For Coroner's record see entry 170.

## 114. CORONER'S INQUESTS, 1887-1917. 4 bundles (labeled by file nos.).

Coroner's certificates of death, showing file number, date, name of deceased, names of witnesses and jurors, testimony, disposal of case, and remarks. Arr. num. by file no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 4. Bsmt. va.

## Justice Court Cases

## 115. REGISTER AND RECORD OF JUSTICE'S CERTIFICATES, 1903--. 4 vols. (A-D).

Record of certificates issued in connection with cases tried before justice court, showing case number, filing date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and justice of peace, date, location, nature of case, cost, fine, and signature of justice of peace. Arr. num. by case no. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Handwritten on pr. fm. 107 to 390 pp. 12 x 16 x 2.

## Naturalization

## 116. NATURALIZATION RECORD, FIRST PAPERS, 1872-1906. 3 vols. (A-C).

Record of declarations of intention of aliens to become United States citizens, showing name of declarant, occupation, personal description, place and date of birth, residence, from where emigrated, name of vessel, foreign residence, name of foreign allegiance renounced, date and port of arrival, signature of declarant, date, and signatures of clerk and deputy. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of declarants. Handwritten on pr. fm. 400 to 588 pp. 9 x 14 x 1½ to 10 x 14 x 2½.

For subsequent records see entry 117.

## 117. RECORD OF DECLARATION OF INTENTION, 1906--. 3 vols. (D, E; one unlabeled).

Original copies of declarations of intention of aliens to become citizens of the United States, showing instrument number, name of declarant, residence, occupation, age, personal description, race, nationality, place and date of birth, name of wife and

place and date of birth, names of children, date of birth and place of residence of each, last foreign residence, and from where emigrated, name of vessel, declaration of intention to renounce former allegiance, signature of declarant, date subscribed and sworn, and signature of clerk of court. Arr. chron. by date subscribed and sworn. Indexed alph. by names of declarants. Handwritten on pr. fm. 50 to 500 pp. 9 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 9 x 14 x 2.

For prior records see entry 116.

118. NATURALIZATION RECORD, SECOND PAPERS, 1871-1906.

11 vols. (two unlabeled; B, B-I).

Record of final papers issued to applicants for citizenship, showing date, name of applicant, names of witnesses, length of residence in the United States and in the State, statement of character, oath of applicant, order of court granting admittance to citizenship, signatures of witnesses, applicant, and clerk of court, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Handwritten on pr. fm. 100 to 488 pp. 9 x 14 x  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 13 x 18 x 2.

For subsequent records see entry 119.

119. (PETITION AND RECORD), 1906--. 6 vols. (1-5; one unlabeled).

Record of petitions for citizenship, showing petition number, name of petitioner, place of residence, occupation, place, and date of birth, race, date of declaration of intention, names of wife and children, date and place of birth and residence of each, last foreign residence, from where emigrated, date, name of vessel, renouncement of former allegiance, date of petition, and signature of petitioner. Arr. chron. by date of petition. Indexed alph. by names of petitioners. Handwritten on pr. fm. 50 to 100 pp. 9 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 12 x 18 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

For prior records see entry 118.

## Vital Statistics

### Births and Deaths

120. REGISTER OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS, 1868-79. 1 vol. (A).

Registration of births and deaths; birth register shows place of birth, number of child, date of birth, name of child, name of father, age, color, birthplace, and occupation, maiden name of mother, age, color, birthplace and occupation, name of physician, and date registered; death register shows name and address of decedent, age, conjugal condition, cause of death, birthplace, sex, color, occupation, date of death, names of parents and birthplace of each, and date registered. Arr. chron. by date registered. For indexes see entries 122, 124. Handwritten under pr. heads. 200 pp. 12 x 18 x 2.

For subsequent records see entries 121, 123.

121. REGISTER OF BIRTHS, 1879--. 6 vols. (D-G, 2, 3).  
Registration of births, showing name of child, place of birth, sex, number of child, legitimate, date of birth, name of father, age, color, birthplace, and occupation, maiden name of mother, age, color, birthplace, and occupation, name and address of physician, midwife, or other reporter, date reported, name of registrar, address, and date of filing. Arr. chron. by date of entry. For index see entry 122. Handwritten on pr. fm. 114 to 448 pp. 16 x 17 x 2 to 14 x 17 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

For prior records see entry 120.

122. INDEX TO BIRTHS, 1868--. 3 vols. (1-3).  
Serves Register of Births and Deaths, entry 120, Register of Births, entry 121, showing name of child, date of birth, and book, page, and line of register. Arr. alph. by name of child. Handwritten on pr. fm. 640 pp. 12 x 16 x 3.

123. REGISTER OF DEATHS, 1879--. 5 vols. (B-F).  
Register of deaths, showing number, date of death, full name of deceased, sex, color, marital status, age, place of death, place of birth, cause of death, occupation, full names of parents, birthplaces of parents, name and address of attending physician, and date registered. Arr. chron. by date of entry. For index see entry 124. Handwritten on pr. fm. 161 to 750 pp. 15 x 17 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 15 x 17 x 3.

For prior records see entry 120.

124. INDEX TO DEATH RECORD, 1868--. 2 vols. (1, 2).  
Serves Register of Births and Deaths, entry 120, Register of Deaths, entry 123, showing name of decedent, date of death, and book, page, and line of register, and remarks. Arr. alph. by name of decedent. Handwritten on pr. fm. 480 to 600 pp. 16 x 12 x 3.

125. BIRTH AND DEATH CERTIFICATES, 1927--. 1 vol.  
(labeled by inclusive certificate nos.).  
Stubs of certificates issued to township and village clerks for reports of births and deaths, showing number, name of registrar, township or village, date, amount of fees, number of births, number of deaths, and signature of clerk of court. Arr. num. by certificate no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 125 pp. 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 11 x 1.

126. (BIRTH AND DEATH CERTIFICATE OR RETURNS), 1860-1920.  
50 bundles (dated).  
Certificates of births and deaths submitted to the clerk of court for recording; birth certificates show number, date of birth, name, sex, and condition, full name of each parent, birthplace, age, and occupation of each parent, and date registered; death certificates show name of deceased, place of death, date of birth, age, marital status, birthplace, birthplaces of parents, occupation, medical certificate, date, cause of death, and name



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of registrar. No obvious arr. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm.  
2 x 10 x 4 to 6 x 8 x 4. Bsmt. va.

Marriages

127. MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD, 1856--.. 23 vols. (one  
unlabeled; A-V).

Record of applications for marriage licenses, copies of marriage licenses, and certificates of marriages; applications show names of applicants, addresses, ages, physical condition, date, and signatures of contracting parties and clerk of court; licenses show names and addresses of contracting parties, date, and signature of clerk of court; and certificates show place and date of marriage, names of contracting parties, addresses, signatures of witnesses, and person officiating, date filed, and signature of clerk of court. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Handwritten, and handwritten on pr. fm. 463 to 642 pp. 9 x 12 x 2 to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 17 x 3.

128. MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES, 1856--.. 100 bundles, 3 file  
drawers.

Certificates returned to clerk by person officiating, showing date, number, place, name of official performing marriage, names of contracting parties, county where each resided, and signatures of witnesses and official; in the event of contracting parties not being of age the consent of parents is included. No obvious arr. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. Bundles, 10 x 2 x 4 to 10 x 6 x 4; file drawers, 10 x 4 x 12. Bundles, 1856-1934, bsmt. va.; drawers, 1935--., off. va.

Professional Certificates

129. NOTARY PUBLIC RECORD, 1866--.. 4 vols. (one  
unlabeled; B-D).

Record of appointments of notaries, showing name of governor of State, name of notary public, date of appointment, signatures of Governor and Secretary of State, date recorded, and date of expiration. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of notaries. Handwritten on pr. fm. 128 to 500 pp. 12 x 8 x 1 to 14 x 10 x 2.

130. CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION, BASIC SCIENCES, 1927--..  
1 vol. (1).

Copies of certificates issued after required examination to persons who wish to treat ailments of the human body, showing number of certificate, name of practitioner, date issued, date recorded, and signatures of president and secretary of Minnesota State Board of Examiners. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by names of practitioners. Handwritten on pr. fm. 100 pp. 14 x 9 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

131. RECORD OF PHYSICIANS' CERTIFICATES, 1883--. 2 vols.  
(A, B).

Copies of certificates issued to persons who wish to practice medicine and surgery, showing name of physician, county, State, date issued, signatures of president and secretary of State examining board, registry number, filing date, and signature of clerk of court. Arr. chron. by date issued. Indexed alph. by names of physicians. Handwritten, and handwritten on pr. fm. 325 pp. 14 x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

132. RECORD OF PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATES ISSUED, 1883--.  
1 vol. (A).

Record of certificates issued to physicians, showing number, series, name of physician, location of practice, diploma, date, date certificate issued, date certificate recorded, and remarks. Arr. alph. by name of physician. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 200 pp. 14 x 9 x 1.

133. DENTISTS' REGISTER, 1889-1928. 2 vols. (A; one  
unlabeled).

Register of dentists' certificates issued, showing name of dentist, number of certificate, sex, dentist or dental surgeon, or both, date of filing certificate, date of diploma, name of college or university, location of college or university, and remarks. Vol. A arr. num. by certificate no.; unlabeled vol. arr. alph. by name of dentist. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 79 to 100 pp. 12 x 8 x  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 14 x 9 x 1.

134. RECORD OF OPTOMETRISTS' CERTIFICATES, 1901--.  
1 vol. (A).

Copies of certificates issued by State Board of Optometry Examiners, showing name of optometrist, residence, date issued, and signatures of State board members. Arr. chron. by date issued. Indexed alph. by names of optometrists. Handwritten and typed on pr. fm. 100 pp. 16 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

135. RECORD OF CERTIFICATES FOR PRACTICE OF OSTEOPATHY,  
1903--. 1 vol. (A).

Copies of certificates granting permission to practice osteopathy, showing name, register number, date, authorization, signatures of State board members, and seal of clerk of court. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of osteopaths. Handwritten on pr. fm. 100 pp. 14 x 9 x 1.

## 136. CHIROPRACTIC RECORD, 1919--. 1 vol. (1).

Copies of licenses issued to chiropractors by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, showing name, date, signatures of five State board members, license number, date of recording, and signatures of clerk of court or deputy. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of chiropractors. Handwritten on pr. fm. 160 pp. 14 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1.

## 137. MASSAGE LICENSES, 1931--. 1 vol. (1).

Copies of certificates issued by the State Board of Massage Examiners, showing name of licensee, residence, date of license, authorization, signatures of president and secretary of State board, license number, date recorded, signatures of clerk of court or deputy, and official seal. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of licensees. Handwritten on pr. fm. 80 pp. 14 x 9 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

## 138. RECORD OF VETERINARY CERTIFICATES, 1893--. 1 vol. (A).

Copies of certificates issued to veterinarians, showing date, name of veterinary, location of practice, signatures of president and secretary of State examining board, date filed, and signature of clerk of court. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 80 pp. 14 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

## 139. CREDENTIALS OF ORDINATION, 1881--. 2 vols. (B, C).

Copies of certificates of ordination of clergymen, showing date ordained, name of clergyman, credentials of ordination, name of church body to which ordained, date of filing, and signature of clerk of court. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by names of clergymen. Handwritten. 142 to 200 pp. 16 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1 to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 11 x 1.

## Bonds and Oaths

## 140. RECORD OF OATHS AND BONDS, 1874--. 2 vols. (A, B).

Record of official oaths and bonds of township and village officers, except treasurer, filed by the clerk of court, showing name of township or village, date, name of officer, name of office, residence, elected or appointed, date oath filed, before whom made, date approved, date bond filed, names of sureties, amount, and remarks. Arr. alph. by twp. or village, chron. by date of entry thereunder. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 150 and 239 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  and 16 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 2. Vol. A, 1874-96, bsmt. va.; B, 1897--, off. va.

For copies of bonds and oaths of township and village treasurers see entries 80, 85.

## 141. REGISTER OF DEEDS' BOND, 1882--. 1 vol. (A).

Copies of official bonds of the register of deeds filed by the clerk of court, showing date, name of officer, term of office, names of sureties, amount of bond, date of approval by county commissioners, signatures of register and clerk of court, and notarial seal. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of officers. Handwritten on pr. fm. 302 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

For copies of bonds and oaths of other county officers see entries 80, 85.

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142. OFFICIAL BONDS, 1864--. 6 bundles (dated), 3 file drawers.

Original bonds of village and township officers, showing name, filing date, name of village or township, amount of bond, condition of obligation, signatures of witnesses and officer, and signature of notary. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. Bundles,  $9\frac{1}{2}$  x 4 x 12; drawers,  $10\frac{1}{2}$  x  $4\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Bundles, 1864-1913, bsmt. va.; drawers, 1914--, off. va.

143. RECORD OF SURETIES, 1927--. 1 vol. (1).

Record of persons held responsible for bonds issued in criminal cases, showing case number, names of persons giving bond, post office addresses, names of principals of case, nature of obligation, bond recognizance or undertaking, amount of obligation, date, place of filing, remarks, and disposition of case. Arr. alph. by name of surety. No index. Handwritten under pr. heads. 161 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

For criminal case files see entry 103; for register of criminal actions see entry 104.

Business Names

144. BUSINESS NAME RECORD, 1911--. 1 vol. (A).

Registration of names of business firms, showing number, date filed, business name, location of business, and names and addresses of individual owners. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of firms. Handwritten on pr. fm. 104 pp. 16 x  $10\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Fees

145. CLERK'S FEE BOOK, 1890-1923. 7 vols. (A, A-F).

Title varies: Criminal Fee Book, 1907-11, vol. A. Record of fees collected by the clerk of court, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorney, date, items of fees, and amounts of debit and credit. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Handwritten on pr. fm. 475 to 495 pp. 16 x  $11\frac{1}{2}$  x 2 to 18 x 13 x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ . Bsmt. va.

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146. RECORD OF IMPOUNDED MONEYS, 1930--. 1 vol. (1).

Record of impounded moneys in criminal cases, showing date paid in, case number, name of case, amount, date paid out, check number, and to whom paid. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of cases. Handwritten. 160 pp. 17 x 13 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ .



147. INDEX TO RECORD OF LIQUOR SELLERS, 1922-33. 2 vols. Record of purchasers and sellers of liquor upon physicians' prescriptions, showing name and address of purchaser, name and address of seller, date, affidavit number, prescription number, filing fee paid, and remarks. Arr. alph. by name of purchaser. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 250 pp. 16 x 12 x 1½ to 15 x 17½ x 1½. Bsmt. va.

148. LIQUOR PRESCRIPTIONS, 1923-33. 2 bundles. Canceled medical prescriptions for liquor recorded by clerk of court, showing names and addresses of seller and purchaser, name of physician, prescription number, date filed, quantity and type of liquor, and signatures of physician and seller. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 9 x 7 x 4½. Bsmt. va.

149. COURT REPORTER'S NOTES, 1915--. 100 bundles, 4 shelves.

Reporter's shorthand notes of the arguments in each court case and transcripts, showing testimony and charge, name of plaintiff and defendant, arguments presented, and signature of reporter. No obvious arr. No index. Handwritten, typed, and shorthand. Bundles, 10 x 8 x 1 to 10 x 8 x 2; shelves, 15 x 36 x 12. Bsmt. va.

For civil case files see entry 95; for criminal case files see entry 103.

## VII. JUDGE OF PROBATE

A judge of probate has functioned in Wright County since it was created in 1855.(11) The office is elective and the term is four years.(12)

The records are in the office vault unless otherwise indicated.

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(11) 9 Stat., ch. 121, sec. 9; Constitution, art. 6, sec. 7; Laws, 1849, ch. 20, subch. 3, sec. 1, 2; 1909, ch. 232; 1913, ch. 260; 1917, ch. 233, 397; Mason's, 1927, sec. 8691; Laws, 1935, ch. 72; Mason's, 1940 supplement, 8692-5.

(12) Laws, 1919, ch. 531; Governor's Proclamations, Book B: 109; Constitution, art. 6, sec. 7; Laws, 1935, ch. 72, art. 2, sec. 5.

## Minutes

## 150. PROBATE MINUTE BOOK, 1889--. 8 vols. (A-H).

Minutes of proceedings in probate cases, including probate of wills, hearing on administration, hearing on claims, orders of licenses to sell land, descent of land, and final account, showing date, case number, name of estate, name of principal, proceedings of case, and date instruments were filed. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of principals. Handwritten. 450 to 640 pp.  $16\frac{1}{2}$  x 12 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $16\frac{1}{2}$  x  $12\frac{1}{2}$  x 3. Vol. A, 1889-1901, bsmt. va.; B-H, 1902--, off. va.

## Probate Cases

## 151. (CASES), 1854--. 200 file drawers (labeled by inclusive case nos.).

Original instruments filed in connection with probate cases, such as cases of hearings on estates, minors, and incompetents, including petitions, claims, affidavits, notices, orders, and all other instruments pertaining to probate cases; one envelope for each case, showing case number and name of case. Arr. num. by case no. Probate Register, entry 152, serves as an index. Handwritten on pr. fm.  $10$  x  $4\frac{1}{2}$  x  $15$ .

## 152. PROBATE REGISTER, 1857--. 11 vols. (A-K).

Register of instruments filed in proceedings of probate cases, showing case number, name of decedent, date, memoranda of papers including orders, wills and decrees; earliest volumes show letters of administration, letters testamentary, letters of guardianship, appointment of appraisers, order granting license to sell land, order to sell land at public auction, and order for examination of insane; also serves as an index to (Cases), entry 151. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of decedents. Handwritten on pr. fm. 480 to 640 pp.  $13$  x  $9$  x  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $18$  x  $13$  x 3. Vols. A-C, 1857-1904, bsmt. va.; D-K, 1905--, off.

## Juvenile Cases

153. JUVENILE COURT REGISTER, 1909--. 4 vols.  
(1, 2, 2, 3).

Record of juvenile court proceedings in cases of delinquent, dependent, and neglected children, showing date, name of child, name of judge, date hearing set, findings and orders for county allowance, warrant of commitment, and petition for appointment of guardian. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of children. Handwritten on pr. fm. 400 to 480 pp.  $16$  x  $12$  x 2 to  $16$  x  $12$  x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ . 1 vol., 1909-17, bsmt. va.; 3 vols., 1918--, off. va.

154. (JUVENILE CASES), 1900--. 10 file drawers (labeled by inclusive case nos.).

Instruments relating to cases of neglected and dependent children, including petitions, hearings, orders, findings, disposals, and remarks of judge; envelope for each case, showing case number and name of juvenile. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Handwritten and typed on pr. fm.  $10\frac{1}{2}$  x  $4\frac{1}{2}$  x 15.

#### Insanity Cases

155. INSANITY CASES, 1892--. 37 pigeonholes (labeled by inclusive case nos.).

Instruments filed pertaining to cases of insanity heard in probate court, including petitions, notice to State Board of Control, appointments of examiners, orders to dispense with board of examiners, reports of probate judge and county attorney acting without board of examiners, warrants of commitment, certificates of indigence, reports of board of examiners, and fee orders. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Handwritten and typed on pr. fm.  $13$  x  $4\frac{1}{2}$  x  $10$ . 17 pigeonholes, 1892-1933, bsmt. va.; 20 pigeonholes, 1934-- , off. va.

#### Guardianship Cases

156. GUARDIANSHIP CASES, 1900--. 57 pigeonholes (labeled by inclusive case nos.).

Instruments filed in connection with cases of guardianship, including petitions by minors for discharge of guardian, letters of guardianship, annual accounts of guardian, bonds and oaths of representatives, orders appointing guardians, petitions for appointment of guardian to minor, guardians' bonds, and related correspondence. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm.  $13$  x  $4\frac{1}{2}$  x  $10$ . 27 pigeonholes, 1900-1924, bsmt. va.; 30 pigeonholes, 1925-- , off. va.

#### Wills

157. RECORD OF WILLS (DEPOSITED), 1903--. 2 vols.

Register of original wills filed, showing name of testator, file number, address of testator, date of deposit and deliverance, by whom deposited, address, and disposition. Arr. chron. by date of entry, num. by file no. thereunder. Indexed alph. by names of testators. Handwritten on pr. fm. 80 pp.  $9$  x  $14$  x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ .

158. WILLS, 1859--. 7 vols. (D, C-G, 1).

Copies of wills opened in probate court, showing register number, file number, date filed, name of testator, address, by whom filed, address, notice of death, date will opened, contents of

will, notice to executors, date, jurisdiction, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of testators. Handwritten and handwritten under pr. heads. 325 to 640 pp. 9 x 15 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 16 x 12 x 2. Vols. D, C-G, bsmt. va.; 1, off. va.

### Orders and Decrees

159. ORDER BOOK, 1858-1917. 12 vols. (B, G, H, K-P, R, U, V).

Copies of probate orders, including orders appointing administrator, for appointment of appraisers, for hearing on claims, for hearing proof of will, admitting will to probate, for bond of guardian, for license to sell land, to show cause on filing petition to sell land, for hearing on sale of real estate of minors, of license to sell real estate, to sell real estate at private sale, to examine accounts, allowing final account, to jury and jury's return, of committal, and of judgment for costs, all showing case number, date recorded, names of persons concerned, and signature of judge of probate. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of principals. 1858-90, handwritten; 1891-1917, handwritten on pr. fm. 560 to 640 pp. 13 x  $8\frac{1}{2}$  x  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 18 x 13 x 3. Bsmt. va.

For subsequent records see entries 160, 161.

160. MISCELLANEOUS ORDER BOOK, 1880-87, 1900--. 22 vols. (1-10, 12-15, 17-19, 21, 24, 26, 28, 29).

Copies of miscellaneous orders, including orders admitting will to probate, appointing executor or administrator with will annexed, allowing final decree, final account, for maintenance of family of decedent, discharging representative, limiting time to sell land, allowing account of guardian, discharging guardian decree of distribution, and commitment, all showing case number, names of principals, date recorded, and signature of judge of probate. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of principals. Handwritten on pr. fm. 590 to 640 pp. 16 x  $12\frac{1}{2}$  x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ . Vols. 1-5, 1880-87, 1900-1911, bsmt. va.; 6-10, 12-15, 17-19, 21, 24, 26, 28, 29, 1912--, off. va.

For prior and missing records see entry 159.

161. PROBATE ORDER BOOK, INSANE CASES, 1907--. 4 vols. (A-D).

Copies of orders in insanity cases, including petition in insanity, report of board of examiners, order of committal and judgment for costs, order and judgment for examiners' fees, order and costs of conducting insane patient to hospital, judgment of dismissal, order discharging alleged insane, and order adjudging restoration to capacity, showing date, case number, name of alleged insane, name of judge, names of witnesses, date of hearing, findings and orders, date of commitment or dismissal, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names



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of patients. Handwritten. 500 pp. 16 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Vols. A, B, 1907-16, bsmt. va.; C-D, 1917-- , off. va.

For prior records see entry 159.

162. FINAL DECREE RECORD, 1882-1914. 3 vols. (A-C).  
Record of final decrees of distribution, showing term of court, date, name of decedent, description of real estate, name of representative of estate, names of heirs, and signature of probate judge. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of decedents. Handwritten on pr. fm. 317 to 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 18 x 3 x 2. Bsmt. va.

#### Letter Record

163. LETTERS RECORD, 1870-- . 5 vols. (E-I).  
Copies of letters of administration with will annexed, special letters of administration, letters testamentary, and letters of guardianship, showing file number, date, name of decedent, names of administrator or executor, name of guardian, names of witnesses, name of minor or delinquent, list of duties of administrator, executor, or guardian, date filed, and signatures of witnesses and judge. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of persons concerned. Handwritten on pr. fm. 500 to 640 pp. 13 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 16 x 12 x 3. Vols. E-G, 1870-1915, bsmt. va.; H, I, 1916-- , off. va.

#### Inheritance Tax

164. ORDER DETERMINING INHERITANCE TAX, 1900-- . 4 vols.  
(one unlabeled; 2, 1, 2).  
Record of orders issued by the probate judge to determine the amount of inheritance tax to be levied on estates, showing name of decedent, name of heir, relation to decedent, full and true value of legacy or inheritance, amount of exemption, amount subject to tax, amount of tax, interest, date of recording, and judge's name. Arr. chron. by date of recording. Indexed alph. by names of decedents. Handwritten on pr. fm. 200 to 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 1 to 18 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 2. 2 vols., 1900-1911, bsmt. va.; 2 vols., 1912, off. va.

#### Claims Against Estates

165. REGISTER OF CLAIMS, 1857-- . 4 vols. (C; one unlabeled; B, C).  
Record of claims entered against estates and orders of court allowing or disallowing such claims, showing claim number, date of filing, name of claimant, nature of claim, amount allowed or disallowed, date of order, nature of offsets, final balance in favor of estate or against estate, and remarks. Arr. chron. by

date of entry. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 200 to 600 pp. 13 x 9 x 1½ to 17 x 14 x 2½. Vol. C, 1857-70, bsmt. va.; unlabeled vol., B, C, 1871--, off. va.

### Bonds

166. BOND RECORD, 1880--. 13 vols. (I, J, R, S, 1-9). Record of bonds and oaths pertaining to estates and guardianship, including bonds and oaths of administrators, guardians, executors, representatives of estates, and sale bonds for sale of real estate, showing date, name of estate, names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, date, acknowledgment, justification, approval, and signatures of principals and probate judge. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of principals. Handwritten on pr. fm. 640 pp. 16 x 12½ x 3. Vols. I, J, R, S, 1-3, 1880-1918, bsmt. va.; 4-9, 1919--, off. va.

### Welfare

167. MOTHERS' PENSIONS, 1913-July 1, 1937. 10 pigeonholes (labeled by inclusive case nos.). Discontinued. Now kept by county welfare board. Papers and orders filed pertaining to mothers' pensions, including petitions, applications for county allowance, statement of applicant, certificate of investigator, notice of investigator, notice of hearing, findings and order for county allowance, and warrants issued. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Handwritten and typed on pr. fm. 13 x 4½ x 10. 6 pigeonholes, 1913-29, bsmt. va.; 4 pigeonholes, 1930--, off. va.

### Miscellany

168. (APPLICATION FOR TREATMENT AT ST. CLOUD HOSPITAL), 1933-35. 1 pigeonhole. Applications for treatment at St. Cloud hospital, showing date, name of patient, reason for entering hospital, and date filed; also includes correspondence with the hospital. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Handwritten and typed on pr. fm. 13 x 4½ x 10. Bsmt. va.

### VIII. COURT COMMISSIONER

A court commissioner, with judicial power and jurisdiction not exceeding that of a judge of the district court at chambers, has functioned in Wright County since 1862.(13) The office is elective and the term is four years.(14)

The record is kept in the office of court commissioner on Bacon St., Buffalo.

#### 169. COURT COMMISSIONER'S RECORD, 1923--. 1 vol. (1).

Last entry 1930.

Record of proceedings of the court commissioner, including summonses, attachments, garnishments, order for publishing summonses, and hearings in insanity cases. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Handwritten. 241 pp. 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

### IX. CORONER

A coroner has functioned in Wright County since it was organized in 1855.(15) The office is elective and the term is four years.(16)

The record is kept in the office of the coroner at Fourth and Elm Streets, Waverly.

#### 170. CORONER'S RECORDS, 1930--. 1 vol.

Record of coroner's inquests in cases of deaths by accidents, homicides, suicides, or mysterious causes, showing date, name of deceased, date of death, cause of death, name of coroner, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of inquest. Indexed alph. by names of decedents. Handwritten under pr. heads. 50 loose-leaf pp. 9 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

For clerk of court's record see entry 113.

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(13) Constitution, art. 6, sec. 15; Gen. Laws, 1858, ch. 48; 1860, ch. 43, sec. 1-6; Minnesota Reports, 10: 63; 28: 455; 168:11.

(14) Laws, 1915, ch. 168; Mason's, 1927, sec. 820, 821.

(15) Laws, 1849, ch. 3, sec. 2; Rev. Stat., 1851, ch. 8, art. 8; Mason's, 1927, 942 to 957-2, 1940 supplement, sec. 942-957, notes; County Commissioners Records, A: 1.

(16) Laws, 1913, ch. 458; 1915, ch. 168; Mason's, 1927, sec. 821.

## X. SHERIFF

A sheriff has functioned in Wright County since 1855.(17) The office is elective and the term is four years.(18) The records are kept in the office.

## 171. JAIL REGISTER, 1923-31. 1 vol. (1).

Register of all prisoners, showing number from January first, county, city, or United States prisoner, name, sex, age, physical description, read or write any language, habitually intemperate, special peculiarities, personal history, by what authority committed, offense, time awaiting trial, date committed, date and why discharged, days held, time serving sentence, and remarks. Arr. by year, num. by case no. thereunder. No index. Handwritten under pr. heads. 119 pp. 15 x 17 x 1½.

For subsequent records see entry 172.

## 172. JAIL REGISTER CARDS, 1929--. 1 file drawer.

Card record of persons confined in county jail, showing nature of complaint, by whom signed, name and address of prisoner, sex, age, height, weight, complexion, hair, eyes, read and write, trade, where born, names of father and mother, by whom committed, by whom delivered, date filed, nature of offense, amount of fine, sentence, date discharged, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. Drawer, 17 x 6 x 7½; cards, 4 x 6.

For prior records see entry 171.

## 173. SHERIFF'S DAY BOOK, 1903--. 2 vols. (one unlabeled; 2).

Record of papers served by the sheriff, showing case number, names of plaintiff and defendant, names of attorneys, kind of process, when received, by whom served, date of return, sheriff's fees, mileage, expenses, fees paid, and remarks. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Handwritten under pr. heads. 160 pp. 11 x 6 x 1½ to 13 x 18 x 1½.

## 174. SHERIFF'S MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE RECORD, 1929--. 4 vols. (one unlabeled; 2-4).

Record of sheriff's foreclosure sales, showing date, name of owner, description of property, record of sale, cost of sale, date and amount of redemption, and list of documents submitted as evidence of right to redeem; also includes printed notices of the sale. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of property owners. Handwritten on pr. fm. 161 pp. 14 x 10 x 2½.

For copies of real estate mortgages see entry 60.

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- (17) 9 Stat., ch. 121, sec. 16; Laws, 1849, ch. 3, sec. 2, ch. 23; Mason's, 1927, sec. 907-918, 1940 supplement, sec. 907-917, notes; County Commissioners' Records, A: 1.  
(18) Laws, 1913, ch. 458; 1915, ch. 168; Mason's, 1927, sec. 820, 821.



175. PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION REGISTER, 1922--.  
2 vols. (1, 2).

Register of personal property tax collections, showing date, warrant number, name, address, amount of tax, penalty, clerk's fee, sheriff's fee, clerk's fee citation, sheriff's fee citation, total, date paid, amount paid, amount to county, date paid, and remarks. Arr. by year, num. by warrant no. thereunder. No index. Handwritten under pr. heads. 161 pp. 12 x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

For clerk of court's personal property tax judgment record see entry 99; for tax warrants served by sheriff and returned to clerk of court see entry 101.

176. PLAT BOOK, n.d. 2 vols.

Plats of cities, villages and subdivisions and townships, showing numbers, boundaries, and lakes. Made by Hudson Map Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota. 2" - 1 mile. Arr. alph. by names of twp. and village. No index. Printed, black and white, and colored. 40 pp. 15 x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

## XI. COUNTY ATTORNEY

A county attorney has functioned in Wright County since its organization in 1855.(19) The office is elective and the term is four years.(20)

The record is in the office.

177. REGISTER OF CRIMINAL ACTION, 1928--. 1 vol.

Register of persons tried in criminal courts, showing docket number, name of defendant, title of cause, nature of criminal accusation, date of prosecution, indictment or appeal, amount of bail, when tried, in justice, municipal, or district court, disposition of cause, nature and extent of punishment, total costs taxed, fine assessed, amount collected, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Handwritten on pr. fm. 200 pp. 17 x 15 x 2.

For clerk of court's register of criminal actions see entry 104.

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- (19) Rev. Stat., 1851, ch. 8, art. 5; Constitution, schedule, sec. 15; 3 Minnesota Reports, 62, 63; Gen. Laws, 1860, ch. 5, 75; Mason's, 1927, sec. 924, 928; County Commissioners' Records, A: 1.
- (20) Laws, 1913, ch. 458; 1915, ch. 168; Mason's, 1927, sec. 820, 821.

## XII. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

A board of equalization for equalizing and adjusting tax assessments has functioned in Wright County since the creation of the board of the Legislature in 1860. It consists of the members of the board of county commissioners and the auditor.(21)

## XIII. TREASURER

A treasurer has functioned in Wright County since it was organized in 1855.(22) The office is elective and the term is four years.(23)

The records are kept in the office vault unless otherwise indicated.

## Financial Accounts

General Accounting (See also entries 7-10)

178. TREASURER'S DAILY CASH BOOK, 1880-88, 1891--. 15 vols. A record of cash received and disbursed, showing nature of account, date debit, credit, register of receipts and payments, cash receipts, cash payments, cash balance, amounts added since, totals, list of checks and cash items, depositories, checks and currency in safe, gold, dollars, halves, quarters, dimes, nickels, pennies, stamps, township orders, and school district orders. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 320 to 480 pp. 12 x 10 x 1½ to 16 x 12 x 2. 9 vols., 1880-88, 1891-1917, bsmt. va.; 6 vols., 1918--., off. va.

179. TREASURER'S LEDGER, 1880--. 12 vols. (B; six unlabeled; 4-8).

Ledger of all county accounts, showing date, list of accounts, school district number, number of warrant, payee or treasurer, to whom delivered, refundings amount, debit, credit, general

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- (21) Gen. Laws, 1860, ch. 1, sec. 37; Mason's, 1927, sec. 2049, 1940 supplement, sec. 2049, notes.
- (22) Laws, 1849, ch. 3, sec. 2, ch. 22; Gen. Laws, 1858, ch. 75, art. 16, sec. 1; Mason's, 1940 supplement, sec. 939, 942, notes; County Commissioners' Records, A: 1.
- (23) Laws, 1913, ch. 458; Laws, 1915, ch. 168; Mason's, 1927, sec. 820, 821.

teaching, State apportionment, State aid, State loans, and total. Arr. by account, chron. by date of entry thereunder. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 240 pp.  $17 \times 15\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $17 \times 16 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ . 9 vols., 1880-1925, bsmt. va.; 3 vols., 1926--., off. va.

Collections and Disbursements (See also entry 11).

180. RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, 1874-1901. 11 vols.  
(five unlabeled; B-F, 2).

Record of receipts and disbursements of county funds, showing date, journal, number of receipt, amount brought forward, miscellaneous, redemption, interest, principal, school and agricultural lands, textbooks, fines, assignments from State, delinquent taxes, current taxes, total taxes, and amounts totaled daily. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 200 to 300 pp.  $15 \times 10 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $16\frac{1}{2} \times 17 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ . Bsmt. va.

181. REGISTER OF TAX COLLECTIONS, 1879--. 14 vols.  
(one unlabeled; B; seven unlabeled; 2-6).

Record of current tax collections, showing name of village, township, or city, date, receipt number, amount, current year taxes, delinquent taxes, current school, fines and licenses, State lands, private redemptions, county revenue, ditch, miscellaneous, road and bridge, total, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of collection. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 240 to 325 pp.  $17\frac{1}{2} \times 15 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $17 \times 17\frac{1}{2} \times 2$ . 8 vols., 1879-1914, bsmt. va.; 6 vols., 1915--., off. va.

Public Land Collections (See also entry 12).

182. SCHOOL LANDS, 1885--. 3 vols.

Record of collections of money from sale of agricultural, college, and university lands, showing receipt number, date of receipt, name of purchaser, certificate number, legal description of property, principal, interest and penalty, and total. Arr. num. by receipt no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 25 to 200 pp.  $15 \times 10 \times \frac{1}{2}$  to  $17 \times 12 \times 1$ . 1 vol., 1885-95, bsmt. va.; 2 vols., 1896--., off. va.

Warrants (See also entries 13-17).

183. TREASURER'S WARRANT REGISTER, 1875--. 14 vols.  
(four unlabeled; 3-12).

Register of warrants paid by the treasurer, showing date, warrant number, drawn in favor of, check number, name of bank, amount, county revenue, county road and bridge, redemption fund, poor fund, State taxes, State lands, State loan, refunding, school district number, school, township and village, poor farm, miscellaneous funds, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of entry.

No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 240 pp. 17 x 14 x  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 18 x 13 x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ . 7 vol., 1875-1920, bsmt. va.; 7 vols., 1921--, off. va.

Miscellaneous Receipts (See also entry 18).

184. TREASURER'S MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS, 1887--. 30 vols. (labeled by inclusive receipt nos.).

Duplicates of receipts for miscellaneous collections, showing receipt number, date, from whom received, for what purpose, amount, to what fund credited, and signature of treasurer. Arr. num. by receipt no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 125 pp. 10 x  $10\frac{1}{2}$  x 1. 1887-1930, bsmt. va.; 1931--, off. va.

For duplicates of auditor's statements see entry 18.

185. TOWN AND SCHOOL RECEIPTS, 1876--. 60 vols. (labeled by inclusive receipt nos.).

Duplicates of receipts from treasurers of school districts and townships for money received from the county, showing auditor's warrant number, school district number or name of township, amount of local mill tax, special district tax, public fund, general fund, special building tax, apportionment, State aid, State loan surplus, total, and signature of school district or township clerk. Arr. num. by receipt no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 125 to 150 pp. 16 x 11 x  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $8\frac{1}{2}$  x 11 x 1. 49 vols., 1876-1929, bsmt. va.; 11 vols., 1930--, off. va.

186. RECEIPTS OF SCHOOL LANDS SOLD, 1897-1905, 1917-26.

3 vols. (labeled by inclusive receipt nos.).

Duplicates of receipts issued for payments made by purchasers of school lands, showing date, receipt number, name of purchaser, legal description of property, certificate number, amount of principal due, interest and principal, and amount of payment. Arr. num. by receipt no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 40 pp.  $14\frac{1}{2}$  x 10 x 1.

For auditor's record of school land collections see entry 12.

187. RECEIPT FOR TEACHERS' INSURANCE AND RETIREMENT FUND, 1916--. 10 vols. (labeled by inclusive receipt nos.).

Duplicates of receipts to school district treasurers for money retained from teachers' salaries to be applied on the teachers' insurance and retirement fund, showing receipt number, date, name of school treasurer, school district number, amount received, name of teacher, and signature of county treasurer. Arr. num. by receipt no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 125 pp. 11 x 10 x 1.



Bank Accounts and Checks

188. TREASURER'S BANK ACCOUNT BOOKS, 1880--. 11 vols.  
(four unlabeled; 1-3, B-E).

Record of accounts with banks in which county funds are deposited, showing name of bank, date of deposit, funds deposited, amount, number of check, date of issue, to whom payable, amount, and balance. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 320 to 480 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . 3 vols., 1880-1905, bsmt. va.; 8 vols., 1906--, off. va.

189. BANK STATEMENTS, 1920--. 14 file boxes.

Monthly statements returned from banks, showing balance at beginning of month, amount of each deposit, listing and amounts of withdrawals, and balance at end of month. Arr. chron. by date of deposit. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 18 x 5 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

190. TREASURER'S CHECKS, 1890--. 6 vols. (labeled by inclusive check nos.).

Stub record of checks issued, showing amount, date, to whom issued, warrant number, purpose, and to what fund charged. Arr. chron. by date of check. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 125 pp. 17 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 2. 3 vols., 1890-1928, bsmt. va.; 3 vols., 1929--, off. va.

Public Indebtedness  
(See also entry 19.)

191. REGISTER OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND AND ORDER, 1885-1902. 4 vols.

School district bond and order register, showing number of school district, to whom issued, address, number of bond and order, amount, date of issue, date registered, date of maturity, names of officers executing same, when redeemed, total amount, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 100 to 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 17 x 14 x 2. Bsmt. va.

Taxes  
(See also entries 20-40.)

Tax Lists

192. TAX LIST, 1938--. 35 vols. (dated). Subtitle:  
Name of local unit.

Lists of real and personal property taxes; real property shows date, name of owner, description of property, number of acres, valuation, general taxes, special and one-mill taxes, county ditch, total taxes, when paid, date of settlement, amount, penalty, ditch penalty, interest, and remarks; personal property

shows name of owner, date, list of property, valuation, amount of tax assessed, penalty, interest, date paid, and remarks. Real property arr. by sections and subdivisions and by additions and lots and blocks; personal property arr. alph. by name of owner. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 20 to 30 pp. 9 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 16 x 1.

For prior tax lists see entry 23.

Delinquent Taxes (See also entry 31).

193. DELINQUENT TAXES, 1861-99. 8 vols. (six unlabeled; D, E).

Record of delinquent tax collections, showing date received, in whose name assessed, subdivision, number of section, township, range, number of acres, State interest tax, State revenue tax, county tax, township tax, school tax, road tax, county interest tax, school district tax, United States war tax, and total tax. Arr. chron. by date received. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. Early vols., condition of binding fair. 200 to 640 pp. 17 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 17 x 15 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Bsmt. va.

Tax Receipts (See also entries 28-30).

194. TAX RECEIPTS, 1936--. 980 envelopes. Subtitle: Name of local unit.

Duplicates of receipts issued upon payment of taxes, showing date, receipt number, from whom received, amount, description of property, valuation, penalty, total, and signature of treasurer. Arr. num. by receipt no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 10 x 7 x 1 to 10 x 7 x 5.

For prior tax receipts see entry 28.

195. DELINQUENT TAX RECEIPTS, 1890--. 45 vols. (labeled by inclusive receipt nos.).

Duplicates of receipts of lands delinquent or sold to, assigned or sold by the State, showing receipt number, from whom received, amount of tax, description of property, years taxes delinquent, amount of taxes or judgment costs, penalty or interest, total, and signature of treasurer. Arr. num. by receipt no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 125 pp. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 11 x 1. 20 vols., 1890-1925, bsmt. va.; 25 vols., 1926--, off. va.

For duplicates of auditor's statements see entry 30.

196. RECEIPTS OF PRIVATE REDEMPTION, 1890--. 16 vols. (labeled by inclusive receipt nos.).

Duplicates of receipts issued for payment of taxes for redemption of lands sold for taxes to an actual purchaser, showing receipt number, date, from whom received, amount, name of purchaser, legal description of property, certificate number, year, amount of judgment, interest, sheriff's and printer's fees, total, and signature of treasurer. Arr. num. by receipt no.

No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 125 pp.  $9\frac{1}{2}$  x 12 x 1 to 10 x 12 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ . 1890-1925, bsmt. va.; 1926-- , off. va.

197. MORTGAGE REGISTRY TAX RECEIPTS, 1887-- . 47 vols.  
(labeled by inclusive receipt nos.).

Duplicates of receipts issued for mortgage registry tax collections, showing receipt number, from whom received, date, description of property encumbered, school district number, valuation, amount of mortgage, amount of tax, and signature of treasurer. Arr. num. by receipt no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 125 pp. 11 x  $9\frac{1}{2}$  x 1. 29 vols., 1887-1925, bsmt. va.; 18 vols., 1926-- , off. va.

For duplicates of auditor's statements see entry 29.

198. CONFESSION OF JUDGMENT RECEIPTS, 1936-- . 2 vols.

Triplicates of receipts issued for full or partial payment of delinquent taxes by confession of judgment, showing name of payer, description of property, years of delinquency, costs, amount of judgment, date of confession, and signature of treasurer. Arr. num. by receipt no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 300 pp. 14 x 12 x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ .

For duplicates of auditor's statements and receipts see entry 35.

#### Correspondence

199. LETTERS, 1887-89. 1 vol.

Correspondence pertaining to taxes paid, school moneys, lands sold, and witness fees. Arr. chron. by date of letter. No index. Handwritten. Condition of writing faded. 500 pp. 14 x 11 x 2. Bsmt. va.

#### XIV. BOARD OF AUDIT

The board of audit, also designated in the laws as the board of auditors, audits the accounts of the county treasurer and performs certain supervisory financial duties. The board consists of the chairman of the board of county commissioners, who is chairman, the clerk of the district court, who is clerk, and the auditor.(24) It has functioned in Wright County since the board was created by the Legislature in 1873.(25)

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(24) Gen. Laws, 1873, ch. 38; Mason's, 1927, sec. 844-846.

(25) County Commissioners' Records, July 10, 1873, Book B: 27.

The record is kept in the office vault of the clerk of the district court.

200. MINUTES AND REPORT OF BOARD OF AUDIT, 1910--.

1 vol. (1).

General record of the board of audit, including a summary of the county finances since the last meeting of the board, copies of reports of each examination of the treasurer's books, and minutes of the board of audit meetings, showing date of meeting, members present, results of audit and other business, and signatures of the board members. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 340 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

XV. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A superintendent of schools, who supervises all the schools of the county which do not have a city or district superintendent, has functioned in Wright County since 1874.(26) The office is elective and the term is four years.(27)

The records are kept in the office.

Reports of Superintendent

201. ANNUAL REPORT TO COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION BY  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, 1931--. 14 vols. in  
1 file drawer.

Annual reports of county superintendent to the commissioner of education, including a summary of the teachers' reports, showing school district number, location of school, kind of school, number of teachers and amounts of monthly salaries, number of ungraded schools, number of ungraded elementary schools, number of districts maintaining high schools, school census and compulsory attendance, number of pupils attending public schools, number attending private or parochial schools, number attending both public and private or parochial, number excused by school board, number not excused, number not attending any school, apportionment and attendance, and summary of pupils and teachers for year; summary of the clerks' reports, showing kind of district, joint district, financial statement, totals, high and

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(26) Gen. Laws, 1864, ch. 1, sec. 1-10; 1869, ch. 1; Mason's, 1927, sec. 2902, 1940 supplement, 2902, notes; County Commissioners' Records, B: 34.

(27) Gen. Laws, 1877, ch. 74, subch. 4, sec. 1; Laws, 1913, ch. 458; 1915, ch. 168; Mason's, 1927, sec. 820, 821.



Superintendent of Schools - List of School Officers; (202-205)  
Clerks' Reports; Teachers' Reports

graded elementary schools, textbooks, library books, buildings, equipment, annual meetings, receipts, cash at beginning of year, amounts received from State and from local taxes, orders issued, general control, construction, operation, maintenance, auxiliary agencies, fixed charges, capital outlay, debt service, indebtedness, general items, teachers' and officers' meetings, county superintendent's office, totals of all, and remarks. Arr. num. by district no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. Vols., 12 pp. 14 x 15 x  $\frac{1}{4}$ ; drawer, 16 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$  x 23.

202. SUMMARY OF ANNUAL REPORT, 1931--. 1 file drawer. Summary of annual reports for applications for State aid, showing class of schools, number of schools, total amount of aid, district number, name of school, amount of classification aid recommended, amount of superior aid, number of teachers, kind of certificate, number of schoolrooms, length of term, whether or not school was aided previous year, application checked, number of deficiencies last year, report on heating system, deficiencies corrected, number of elementary grades, enrollment, latest date visited by superintendent, and report on supplies. Arr. chron. by date of report, num. by district no. thereunder. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 13 x 12 x 18.

List of School Officers

203. SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS, 1931--. 1 file drawer. List of school district officers, showing district number, office, elected or appointed, name and address, and period of service. Arr. num. by school district no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. Drawer, 7 x 5 x 12; cards, 4 x 6.

Clerks' Reports

204. ANNUAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD CLERK, 1931--. 1 bundle in 1 file drawer. Annual reports submitted by clerks of school boards to the county superintendent, showing reports on textbooks, library books, buildings, annual school meetings, receipts and orders issued, date, and post office address. Arr. num. by school district no., chron. by date of report thereunder. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. Bundle, 13 x  $8\frac{1}{2}$  x 6; drawer, 15 x 11 x 12.

Teachers' Reports

205. TEACHER'S ANNUAL REPORT TO SUPERINTENDENT, 1931--. 1 bundle. Annual reports submitted by school teachers to the county superintendent, showing school census, apportionment and attendance,

enrollment, transfers, enrollment by grades, number of pupils, number entering this year, number of eighth grade pupils graduated, teachers and instruction, and summary of attendance of pupils. Arr. num. by school district no., chron. by date of report thereunder. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 6 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 23.

### Record of Teachers

#### 206. TEACHER RECORD, 1931--. 1 file drawer.

Card record of teachers, showing name, address, education, including name and location of institution, years attended, year graduated, course completed, date diploma or degree received, institution including elementary school, high school, teacher's training department, and teachers college, certification including kind of certificate, based on field and subjects, date issued, number of years valid, and date recorded. Arr. alph. by name of teacher. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. Drawer, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 6; cards, 4 x 6.

#### 207. ANNUAL REPORT RELATING TO TEACHERS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, 1931--. 1 file drawer.

Annual reports on elementary grade school teachers, showing date, certification, training, years of experience, monthly salary, district number, and name of teacher. Arr. chron. by date of report, alph. by name of teacher thereunder. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 13 x 12 x 18.

#### 208. TEACHER'S QUESTIONNAIRE, 1931--. 1 file drawer.

Questionnaires regarding teaching positions, showing district number, township, home address, teaching address, date certificate recorded in office, dates valid, if necessary to attend summer school, exact date of last day of school term this year, enrollment for next term, signature of teacher, address, date filed, superintendent's signature, and remarks. Arr. num. by school district no., chron. by date filed thereunder. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 18.

#### 209. QUESTIONNAIRE TO SCHOOL OFFICERS, 1931--. 1 file drawer.

Employment questionnaire regarding school teachers, showing district number, township, name of school, clerk's name, date, address, teacher's name, age, home address, teaching address, kind of certificate, when served, dates valid, when completed high school, location of high school, teacher's training course, teacher's salary each month, including janitor work, how much janitor work, teacher's salary per month last year, in what district taught, number of months experience, board in district or drive from home, signatures of teacher, district clerk, and superintendent, and date. Arr. num. by school district no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 15 x 11 x 23.

## 210. EXAMINATION RECORD, 1896--. 2 vols.

Record of teachers' examinations, showing district number, name of candidate, age, residence, date of certificate, plan for marking in scale of one hundred, average standing, grade of certificate, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 170 to 300 pp. 14 x 9 x 1½ to 16 x 10 x 1½.

## Teachers' Retirement Record

## 211. TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND, 1931--. 1 file drawer.

Retirement fund cover sheets, showing number of teachers paying assessments, number of teachers exempt, number of teachers in county, amount reported to county treasurer, affidavit of county superintendent, notarial seal, district number, name of teacher, home or permanent post office address, membership, permanent exemption, limited exemption, number of months in this school year, annual salary of teacher, amount of deduction, and payments. Arr. chron. by date of entry, alph. by name of teacher thereunder. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 2 x 15 x 18.

## Record of Pupils

## 212. CLASSIFICATION AND SCHOLASTIC RECORD, 1931--.

1 file drawer.

Classification and scholastic card record of eighth grade pupils, showing name, tuition certificate number, date of graduation, district number, county, year, grade in school, days present, kind of credit, list of subjects, and class promoted to. Arr. alph. by name of pupil. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. Drawer, 10½ x 13 x 23; cards, 4 x 6.

## 213. CLASS LIST OF EIGHTH GRADE PUPILS, 1931--.

1 file drawer.

List of eighth grade pupils, showing district number, teacher's name, surname and given name of pupil, post office address, list of subjects and State and local marks in each, credits they now have, and remarks. Arr. num. by district no., alph. by name of pupil thereunder. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 10 x 2 x 23.

## 214. (TUITION CERTIFICATES), 1931--. 1 file drawer.

Tuition certificates for eighth grade pupils admitted without high school credits, showing certificate number, name of pupil, district number, kind of school, date elementary school completed, name of school, name of private school, kind and date of credits, subject, year, local and State marks, date, school, and signature. Arr. num. by certificate no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 7 x 5 x 12.

215. EXCUSE FROM SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, 1931--. 1 file drawer.

Certification of excuse from school attendance by the school clerk, showing name of pupil, district number, reason for absence, number of days absent, statement granted by order of school board, date, page of clerk's book of records, and clerk's signature. Arr. num. by school district no., alph. by name of pupil thereunder. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 15 x 11 x 16.

216. NOTICE OF NON-ATTENDANCE, 1931--. 1 file drawer.

Notices of pupils' nonattendance, showing date, name of parent, statement or letter, superintendent's signature, and list of excuses for nonattendance. Arr. chron. by date of notice. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 16 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 18.

217. (SCHOOL RECORDS AND REPORTS FOR RURAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS), 1931--. 1 bundle in file drawer.

Combination of school records and reports, showing daily program of class period, occupation and study used in school, district number, year beginning, name of teacher, time of class period, occupation and study for each grade, total number of pupils enrolled in each grade, general information, report on school plant and equipment, and list of district school officers. Arr. num. by school district no., chron. by date of report thereunder. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. Bundle, 10 x 13 x 6; drawer, 15 x 11 x 12.

Census

218. SCHOOL CENSUS, 1927--. 1 file drawer.

Annual report of the number of children of school age in the districts, showing district number, name of pupil, sex, date of birth, age, distance from schoolhouse, number of crippled children at private school, number completed eighth grade, name of parent or guardian, post office address, names of crippled and disabled children, and certification of clerk or person taking school census. Arr. num. by school district no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 9 x 5 x 18.

Miscellany

219. FAIR EXHIBIT FORMS, 1931--. 1 file drawer.

Fair exhibit forms, showing district number, year, name of teacher, number of articles brought for exhibit, division, lot number, class, article and name and age of exhibitor. Arr. num. by district no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 13 x 12 x 18.



220. WRIGHT COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL AREAS, 1937--. 1 file  
drawer.

List of high school areas in Wright County, including Annandale, Buffalo, Cokato, Clearwater, Delano, Elk River, Howard Lake, Kimball, Maple Lake, Monticello, Montrose, Rockford, and Watertown, showing district numbers included in each area. Arr. chron. by date of report, alph. by name of village thereunder. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 9 x 18 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

## Correspondence

## 221. CORRESPONDENCE, 1931--. 1 file drawer.

General correspondence between superintendent and school officers and teachers regarding individual school matters. Arr. num. by district no., chron. by date of filing thereunder. No index. Handwritten and typed. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 13 x 23.

## XVI. CHILD WELFARE BOARD

A child welfare board functioned in Wright County from 1920 to 1937.(28) It consisted of five members. Three were appointed by the State Board of Control and one by the board of county commissioners from its own members, and the county superintendent of schools served ex-officio.(29) In 1937 the functions of the board were assumed by the county welfare board.(30)

Child welfare records are kept in the office of the county welfare board.

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(28) County Commissioners' Records, I: 359.

(29) Laws, 1917, ch. 194, sec. 4; 1923, ch. 152, sec. 4; Mason's, 1927, sec. 4457.

(30) Laws, 1937, ch. 343, sec. 7, extra session, ch. 90; 1939, ch. 407; Mason's, 1940 supplement, sec. 974-11.

XVII. COUNTY WELFARE BOARD

The county welfare board which with the cooperation of the State Division of Social Welfare supervises the administration of all public welfare and assistance, has functioned in Wright County since shortly after the law creating it went into effect on July 1, 1937. It consists of five members. Three are chosen by the board of county commissioners. One of these must be, and either two or three may be, members of that board. The other two are appointed by the State Division of Public Welfare. At least one must be a woman. The term is two years.

Many services performed by the board were previously the duty of various other agencies. Such services are direct relief, work relief, old age assistance, institutional and medical care of the indigent and sick, veterans' relief, aid to dependent children, and general child welfare.(31) The county welfare board cooperates with State and Federal agencies in various other projects for the general welfare of the people and the conservation of natural resources.(32) Several of the records in the custody of the board are those of agencies which the board succeeded.

Records are kept in the office.

Relief Agency

222. (ACTIVE CASES), 1936--. 4 file drawers (labeled by inclusive case nos.).

Papers filed in all active relief cases, including applications, case histories, affidavits, statements by relatives, certificates of grant, correspondence, and other papers relating to welfare cases; each case filed in separate folder, showing name of case and case number. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 18 x 28.

223. (INACTIVE CASES), 1936--. 4 file drawers (labeled by inclusive case nos.).

Papers filed in all closed or denied cases, including applications, case histories, affidavits, relatives' statements, whether denied, closed, or deceased, correspondence relating to each case, and other miscellaneous papers. Arr. alph. by name of client. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 18 x 28.

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(31) Laws, 1937, ch. 343, extra session, ch. 90; Mason's, 1940 supplement, ch. 974-11.

(32) Laws, 1937 extra session, ch. 89, sec. 3, 4, 11.

## 224. INDEX TO W. P. S. O., 1936--. 1 file box.

Record of Works Progress secondary outside projects, showing names arranged as to classification of labor, such as skilled, unskilled, intermediate, supervisory, and technical. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. Box, 3 x 5 x 6½; cards, 3 x 5.

## 225. DROUGHT RELIEF, 1933--. 1 cabinet, 1 file drawer.

Card record of applicants for drought relief, showing date, name of applicant, and amount and kind of relief granted. Arr. alph. by name of applicant. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. Cabinet, 8½ x 21 x 6; drawer, 11 x 5 x 18; cards, 3 x 5 to 5 x 8.

## Old Age Assistance

## 226. (APPLICATIONS), 1936--. 2 file boxes.

Application cards for old age assistance, showing name of applicant, age, address, date of hearing application, amount of grant, and name of spouse. Arr. alph. by name of applicant. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. Boxes, 7 x 5 x 16; cards, 4 x 6.

## Child Welfare

## 227. CHILD WELFARE CASE RECORDS, 1921--. 4 file drawers.

Papers pertaining to child welfare cases, filed under the following subheadings: Boarding homes, delinquent, dependent, family, feeble-minded, miscellaneous mothers' pensions, placement, unmarried mothers, bulletin on child care and agencies, literature, minutes, supplies, and reports, including history sheets, correspondence, reports of physical and mental examinations, and copies of court procedures, petitions filed and decisions of court. Arr. irregularly by subheadings, alph. by name of case thereunder. For index see entry 226. Handwritten on pr. fm. 12 x 12 x 26.

## 228. WELFARE CASE RECORDS INDEX, 1921--. 2 file drawers (lettered).

Serves Child Welfare Case Records, entry 225, showing name of case, address, State Board of Control case number, type of case, names of other people concerned in case, and date of closing, if closed. Arr. alph. by name of client. Handwritten on pr. fm. Drawers, 4½ x 6 x 16; cards, 3 x 5.

## XVIII. COUNTY SURVEYOR

A county surveyor functioned in Wright County from the time of its organization in 1855. At the present time it is vacant.  
(33) The office is elective and the term is two years.(34)

The record is in the office vault of the register of deeds.

229. COUNTY SURVEYOR'S RECORD, 1865--. 2 vols.  
Record of original plats of townships in Wright County, showing sections and their subdivisions, date of survey, date filed, certification by surveyor, approval of county board, and name of surveyor. Arr. num. by section, twp., and range nos. No index. Handwritten. Condition of binding fair. 800 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

## XIX. HIGHWAY ENGINEER

A highway engineer has functioned in Wright County since shortly after the office was established by the Legislature in 1921.(35) He is appointed by the board of county commissioners from a list submitted by the State Commissioner of Highways and serves at the pleasure of that board.(36) Before this the board of county commissioners was authorized to request the services of an Assistant State Engineer in the construction or improvement of county roads.(37)

Records are kept in the office unless otherwise indicated.

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- (33) Rev. Stat., 1851, ch. 8, art. 7, sec. 1-4; Mason's, 1927, sec. 936-940, 1940 supplement, sec. 936-938; County Commissioners' Records, A: 1; Legislative Manual of the State of Minnesota, 1939, 431 (St. Paul, 1939).
- (34) Laws, 1913, ch. 458; 1915, ch. 168; Mason's, 1927, sec. 820, 821.
- (35) Laws, 1921, ch. 323, sec. 29, subd. 1, 2; Mason's, 1927, sec. 2569, subd. 1, 2; Laws, 1937, ch. 232, sec. 1, subd. 1, 2; Mason's, 1940 supplement, sec. 2569, subd. 1, 2.
- (36) Mason's, 1927, sec. 2569, 2569-1, 2569-2.
- (37) Laws, 1913, ch. 235, sec. 3, 10, 20; 1915, ch. 116, sec. 5A, 20.



## Surveys

(See also entries 42-44, 69-73.)

230. FIELD BOOKS, 1911--. 382 vols. Subtitle: Name of local unit.

Field notes relating to surveys, showing date, location of surveys, levels and related figures. No obvious arr. No index. Handwritten. 75 pp. 7 x 5 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

## Plans and Profiles

(See also entries 42-44, 69-73.)

231. ROAD PLAN BOOK, 1910--. 1 vol.

Record of plans by engineer for construction of each road and cost of construction. Arr. chron. by date of plan. No index. Blueprint. 1000 loose-leaf pp. 24 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 37 x 6.

232. PLAN PROFILE, 1936--. 3 file drawers (labeled by inclusive road and bridge nos.).

Plan profiles and cross section plans of roads, bridge plans, blank forms of cross section paper, Federal Aid sheets, supplies, and current jobs working and completed. No obvious arr. No index. Handdrawn. 40 x 24 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 25.

233. ROAD PLANS, 1910--. 100 bundles (labeled by inclusive job nos.).

Road construction plans made by the county engineer. No obvious arr. No index. Handdrawn. 36 x 24 x 12.

## Maintenance

234. COST RECORDS OF MAINTENANCE, 1934--. 3 file boxes.

Monthly cost reports of road maintenance, showing date filed, location of road, and amount of expenditures for labor and supplies. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Condition of containers very poor. Handwritten. 16 x 13 x 19 to 22 x 16 x 16.

235. MAINTENANCE REPORTS, 1928--. 2 bundles, 5 desk drawers.

Maintenance reports and construction expenditures of roads and bridges, showing district number, date, name of engineer, and itemized list of expenditures made. 1928-36 arr. chron. by date of construction; 1937--, arr. num. by district no. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. Bundles, 9 x 7 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; drawers, 13 x 15 x 23. Bundles, 1928-36, bsmt. va.; drawers, 1937--, off.

## Miscellany

236. (MISCELLANEOUS), 1935--. 4 file drawers.  
Includes invoices for materials purchased and miscellaneous reports on various activities under the direction of the highway engineer. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. 6 x 4 x 18.

237. GENERAL FILE, 1933--. 5 file drawers.  
Includes inventory of patrols and trucks, snow fences, posts, Work Projects Administration jobs, yearly reports, State reports, plats, correspondence, proposals of State roads, road designations, old road plans, old jobs completed, catalogs, road equipment and maintenance. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. and printed. 13 x 11 x 25 to 17 x 11 x 25.

## XX. COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT

A county agricultural agent has functioned in Wright County since 1918. He is appointed by the executive committee of the County Farm Bureau Association, the County Cooperative Extension Committee, and the board of county commissioners, with the approval of the Dean of the Department of Agriculture. There is no designated period of service. His duties in general are to promote the improvement of agricultural and home economic conditions, and to organize and direct various projects with that purpose in view.(38)

Records are kept in the office.

238. 4-H CLUB RECORD FILE, 1935--. 3 file drawers.  
Includes general information on 4-H club activities, such as demonstrations, fairs, contests, and various projects; also includes correspondence relative to 4-H club projects. Arr. alph. by subject. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. and printed. 12 x 12 x 26.

239. 4-H CLUB ENROLLMENT RECORD, 1935--. 1 file drawer, 2 boxes (dated).  
Enrollment record of 4-H club members, showing club name, township, county, name of member, date of birth, date enrolled,

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(38) Information from the Department of Agriculture, University of Minnesota; Laws, 1913, ch. 376; 1919, ch. 427, sec. 4; 1921, ch. 300; 1923, ch. 423, sec. 6; Mason's, 1927, sec. 6126; Laws, 1939, ch. 437, sec. 9; County Commissioners' Records, H: 619.

district number (if in school), grade, years in club work and list of projects, such as bread, canning, clothing, thrift, poultry, dairy calf, pig, beef, home beautification, garden, forestry, meal planning, room furnishing, farm accounts, general livestock, judging, and junior leadership. Arr. alph. by club name, alph. by name of member thereunder. No index. Handwritten on pr. fm. Drawer, 12 x 12 x 26; boxes, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 6 x 16; cards, 4 x 6.

240. (MISCELLANEOUS), 1937--. 2 file drawers. Includes extension budgets, catalogs, bulletins of the University Department of Agriculture, and references and transfers. Arr. alph. by subject. No index. Handwritten and printed. 12 x 12 x 26.

241. (CORRESPONDENCE), 1937--. 2 file drawers. General correspondence on the various activities of the agricultural agent. Arr. alph. by name of correspondent. No index. Handwritten and typed. 12 x 12 x 26.

## XXI. COUNTY CO-OPERATIVE EXTENSION COMMITTEE

The Wright County Extension Committee, also designated in the laws as the budget committee, has functioned in Wright County since 1923. It submits to the county board an annual estimate of the amount necessary to carry on the cooperative agricultural extension program for the coming year. The committee consists of the chairman of the board of county commissioners, the county auditor, the president, vice president, and secretary-treasurer of the Farm Bureau Association, and one other member chosen by the executive committee of that organization. The committee elects its own chairman and secretary who serve for one year.(39)

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(39) Laws, 1923, ch. 423; Mason's, 1927, sec. 6125; information from the Agricultural Department, University of Minnesota.

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